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Meretz split over whether to veto Labor agreement with Shas

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

MERETZ is split over whether to veto a coalition memorandum of understanding signed over the weekend by Labor and Shas leaders. The agreement includes a government promise to maintain the religious status quo - by legislation, if necessary - even if this violates civil rights.

The Citizens Rights Movement's council is to convene today to decide on its position. Mapam and Shinui are due to vote on the issue later this week.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who met with Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef late Thursday and with Shas Party leader Aryeh Deri on Friday, reportedly hopes to install two Shas ministers and one deputy minister at a special Knesset session on Thursday.

"It is important to create a parliamentary majority as big and stable as possible relative to the problems still facing us," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israeli Radio, after the Labor-Shas deal was signed in Tel Aviv.

Shas's MKs would give Rabin the support of at least 63 members in the 120-member parliament. It is not certain whether Shas MK Yosef Azran will back the government. Only two of Yit'ud's three MKs have joined the coalition.

According to the controversial clause, every time Shas decides that a law offends religious sensibilities, or the High Court of Justice rules against religious law in favor of existing civil rights legislation, Labor would have to act to uphold the supremacy of religious law.

Justice Minister David Liba'i said Friday he would not agree to a clause that essentially nullifies the High Court of Justice. Liba'i said he was angry he had not been consulted before the deal was agreed to. MK Rafi Edri and Liba'i failed to find a workable formula for the agreement Friday, and Liba'i said he would pass his recommendations on to Rabin.

Shas has made it clear that it would be satisfied with Meretz's "passive" acquiescence, and not demand Meretz leaders' signature on the commitment.

Meretz is unanimous in its op-

Islamic group claims responsibility for Argentina, Panama bombings

SIDON (AP) - A group calling itself Ansarallah, or Partisans of God, indirectly claimed responsibility Friday for the Buenos Aires bombing of the Jewish community headquarters that killed at least 42 people.

The group also indirectly claimed that it blew up a plane over Panama on Tuesday, killing 21 people, most of them Jewish businessmen.

"Suicide martyr squads have been formed to confront and combat Zionism everywhere. The Argentina and Panama operations are evidence of this continuing confrontation," the statement, typewritten in Arabic, said.

It was the first claim of responsibility made in the Middle East since last Monday's bombing of the headquarters of the Jewish community organizations in the Argentinian capital. In addition to the 42 people killed, 206 were wounded and 65 are missing.

The Panamanian plane exploded Tuesday northeast of Panama City. Panamanian officials have said the blast was caused by a bomb planted on the aircraft.

Little is known about the group, which made its debut in a communiqué released in Sidon three months ago, proclaiming "an all-out war in all spheres and with all weapons against the Israeli enemy, irrespective of all accords."

Security sources said the group is linked to Hizbullah. The sources said the Partisans of God faction fell in the same category as Islamic Jihad and the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, the underground extremist factions that unleashed a wave of Shi'ite terror in the mid-1980s in Lebanon.

But Lebanese security sources said yesterday they were skeptical of the group's claim.

They said the tiny group is led by Jamal Suleiman, a fundamentalist Palestinian terrorist officer who broke away from the PLO's mainstream Fatah movement.

They said they did not believe Suleiman's followers had the ability or expertise to carry out the bombings and said that the statement appeared to be a hoax.

The sources described the statement that was published in Beirut's *an-Nahar* newspaper yesterday as vague and failing to clearly claim the attacks.

On Friday, Argentina appealed



An IDF rescue expert raises an Israeli flag over the debris of the building, destroyed by last week's bombing in Buenos Aires.

for outside help to catch the terrorists responsible for the bombing, while Jewish groups around the world clamored for a solution.

"Without international help, it's impossible to solve the attack against the AMIA," Foreign Minister Guido di Tella told a radio interviewer.

Argentina and Israeli rescue workers continued to search through the wreckage for bodies and limbs, filling nine bags with unidentified body parts by Friday.

Some 70 people were still unaccounted for, Jewish leaders said, adding that they feared rescuers would come across large numbers of bodies at any moment.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, representing the government, arrived in Argentina on Friday as the international Jewish community called for the perpetrators to be caught.

Baram met on Friday with di Tella and told him that the terrorists must have been encouraged to blow up the Jewish community building because the bombing of the Israeli Embassy was never solved.

Di Tella promised Baram that Argentina's police and security forces would hold an intensive and relentless investigation to apprehend the perpetrators of the attack.

Baram also attended services at

Beit El Synagogue on Friday night, where he prayed together with the victims' families.

The minister told the community he was proud of their strong connections with Israel and that Israel saw the victims as its own.

Jewish leaders have said they want to avoid a repeat of the investigation of the embassy bomb blast in March 1992 in which 30 people died and no one was brought to trial.

"The [Argentine] government has a responsibility to get to the bottom of what happened two years ago and what happened here just a few days ago," Israel's ambassador to Buenos Aires, Yitz-

hak Aviran, told reporters.

At a rally in Buenos Aires on Thursday, in which 150,000 people stood silently in the rain to show their anger at the bombing, speaker after speaker called for action.

"We hope that the Argentine government will intensify its efforts to find the culprits and bring them to justice," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in a message read by a government envoy.

Relatives of the dead and missing, holding pictures of the victims, wept as prayers were read. B'nai B'rith world President Kent Schiner met with Argentine officials, while the World Jewish Congress is to send a delegation next week to press the government "forcefully" for results.

Di Tella said more help was needed in the investigation from the U.S. Israel and Argentina's neighbors, some of which are home to visible Islamic fundamentalist groups.

An Iraqi man, who was detained on Argentina's border with Brazil on the day of the blast, is still being held in Buenos Aires, while an Iranian detained in Uruguay has been released.

According to local and foreign security experts, Argentina was picked twice as an easy, visible target due to its comparatively lax security and large Jewish population, the biggest in Latin America.

In Jerusalem yesterday, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid called on Israel to assassinate the planners of the bombing.

"There is no room in fighting terror for due process of law," Sarid told Israeli Radio.

Sarid was asked to elaborate on comments by Peres earlier in the week. Peres told the Knesset that "the government of Israel will not forgive or forget this criminal act of terror... we won't be restrained until the last of [the terrorists] is buried."

Sarid said that could mean assassinations in foreign lands.

"If there is positive identification of a terrorist... he should get his due: aim at him and finish him off at short range, to prevent his next act."

UN advises refugees to return to Rwanda or face death from disease in camps

GOMA (AP) - Faced with countless deaths from disease and the Herculean task of delivering scarce food and water, UN officials yesterday began encouraging the more than 1 million Rwandan refugees camped in Zaire to save themselves by going home.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees "would like it to be a replay of what happened in reverse, i.e. a million people packing it up and making a mad dash back across the border," agency spokesman Ray Wilkinson said.

About 2,000 refugees gathered at a border crossing yesterday, hoping to return, said Rupert Colville, a UNHCR spokesman in Geneva. Zairian authorities refused to let them cross, saying the number of weapons and grenades in the area made it unsafe.

Three refugees were killed when a grenade exploded accidentally at the crossing yesterday, Colville said.

The Zairians assured UNHCR they probably would reopen the border in a couple of days, said Wilkinson, the agency's spokesman in Goma.

But there was no sign a reverse exodus was in the offing, despite assurances from the new government in Rwanda that returning refugees not wanted for war crimes would be safe.

Exhausted, hungry and sick with cholera, dysentery, malaria, and measles, refugees say they are in no state to go home and still fear reprisals. They clog the roads,



A Rwandan Hutu refugee child cries at his dying mother's side in a refugee camp outside Goma in Zaire.

raising dust and hampering aid deliveries.

Munigi has grown helter-skelter from a few thousand to more than 100,000 in days. The town, five kilometers from the Zairian border city of Goma, is one of four sites to which terrorized Rwandan refugees are being sent.

The stench of decomposing

corpses, human excrement and acrid smoke from cooking fires fills the air. The sheer chaos of people living and dying on almost every open patch of earth complicated relief workers' task.

There is no water or sanitation, and the area is turning into a graveyard as cholera sweeps through. No one knows how many

already have died in the epidemic, which broke out Wednesday. Many more are expected to perish.

"How can we count? There's someone dying here every minute," said Bernard Mpagazihe, a Zairian who has organized work details for the Irish agency GOAL. He turned away to tell the

workers carrying bodies to trucks to hurry.

The refugees in Goma belong to Rwanda's Hutu majority, whose army and militias are blamed for massacring hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsis after Rwanda's president, a Hutu, died in a mysterious plane crash on April 6.

The Hutus fled advancing rebels of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front in a human wave that has grown to 1.7 million in the past 10 days.

Premier Faustin Twagiramungu, a moderate Hutu picked by the rebels to head Rwanda's new government, said Friday he wants food aid distributed on the Rwandan side of the border to encourage people to come back. He also wants aid workers, UN peacekeepers and foreign troops to make a presence in Rwanda.

"We are not going to go into retribution," he said. "We don't have to kill because others have killed."

The UNHCR decided to encourage the refugees to go home after its special envoy, Michel Moussalli, met with Rwanda's new president and vice president in Kigali on Thursday, Wilkinson said.

"We believe that the new government will be able to bring these

people back in safety," he said.

Repatriation would go on only on a voluntary basis, he said, and as the decision had only just been made, officials had not yet discussed how they could help people too weak to walk to return home.

But as Wilkinson talked to reporters in Goma, an official from the defeated Rwandan government interrupted him, saying "It isn't true" that the new government would ensure Hutu safety.

"It's not possible to have a situation where you have a minority of 10 percent [the Tutsis] governing 90 percent of the people," said Jean de Dieu Habineza, former labor and social affairs minister.

Dozens of Rwandan soldiers among the refugees were seen Friday heading to a camp where soldiers have been regrouping and are threatening to launch a war against the new government.

A group of militant young male refugees in Goma said they would join the combat rather than be led by Tutsis.

In New York, UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called for a political rapprochement between Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda. "The circle of suspicion and ethnic hate must be broken," he said.

Woman injured in J'lem stabbing

BILL HUTMAN

AN American woman was stabbed and lightly wounded in Jerusalem's Old City last night. Police were investigating whether the attack was criminally or nationally motivated.

The woman, around 30 years old, was taken to Hadassah University Hospital-Ein Karem, where the knife used in the attack still in her back.

The woman, who has lived in the Latin Patriarch's Compound for three years, was attacked in the "Butcher's Market" of the Christian Quarter at around 10:45. Earlier, Arab youths had apparently thrown stones at her and pushed her.

The police spokesman said that immediately after being accosted by the youths, the woman was stabbed in the back. She was able to make it back to the compound, where help was called.

Twelve Arabs were detained by police for questioning.

Israel to dispatch MASH unit to Zaire

ALON PINKAS

ISRAEL will dispatch a medical aid team to the Zaire-Rwanda border tonight as part of the international effort to alleviate the Rwandan refugee crisis.

Prime Minister and Defense

Minister Yitzhak Rabin decided on Friday to dispatch a fully-equipped MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) unit, which will include an operating room and intensive care unit.

The 77-member team will be headed by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, and the head of the MASH unit will be Col. Dr. Aryeh Eldad. Chief IDF Medical Officer Brig.-Gen. Michael Weiner will

oversee the deployment of the field hospital. The group will leave tonight in air force cargo planes.

The unit will be deployed near the Rwanda-Zaire border, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said yesterday. Sneh said the decision to send a field hospital was prompted by a request from United Nations relief workers via Abie Nathan, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin is expected to hold a meeting

today to examine other ways Israel can assist international efforts to aid the refugees.

"We feel a need and obligation to help and do something. I am sure that this is the feeling of all Israeli citizens. So we are doing everything we can," Sarid told Israeli Radio last night.

"We are probably the last people in the world who can be indifferent in the face of such a disaster," he said.

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Israeli statement on withdrawal will help - Syria

DAMASCUS (Reuters) - Syria said yesterday that a public statement by Israel expressing readiness to withdraw from the Golan Heights and South Lebanon would help break a deadlock in peace talks.

It said President Hafez Assad had told US Secretary of State Warren Christopher during talks in Damascus on Friday that Syria was ready to discuss steps to help achieve a breakthrough, but efforts should not be one-sided.

Government newspapers said Christopher, trying to pave the way for resumption of Syrian-Israeli peace talks suspended since February, had decided to return to the region soon as a result of Assad's offer.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who returned to Israel from Egypt late Thursday night, said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak would leave for Syria this week to discuss the peace process with Assad.

"The Egyptian president believes that we should not give up on the Syrian matter. He is perfectly aware of our stance and that of the Syrians. He also knows, as we all understand, that all negotiations that have succeeded have been conducted on two planes: public... and another [secret] level in which it is possible to air out disagreements without everything turning into a public matter."

However, Peres said that at this time there is no secret channel in the Israeli-Syrian negotiations. "That is one of the reasons nothing is moving," he said.

Christopher visited Syria and Israel twice during the past week before returning to Washington on Friday.

He told reporters on his plane that the two countries had moved

beyond "psychological testing" of each other and were well into concrete details of an accord on an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

Christopher said he had promised to return to the Middle East in early August to give a fresh boost to the indirect Israeli-Syrian talks.

Israel has offered a phased withdrawal from the Golan over five to eight years if Syria agrees to full diplomatic ties, open borders and trade. Syria has said the withdrawal should come first.

Syrian officials did not reveal details of Assad's offer, but Israel had asked for clarification of issues related to security arrangements and future ties with Damascus before announcing a withdrawal from the Golan.

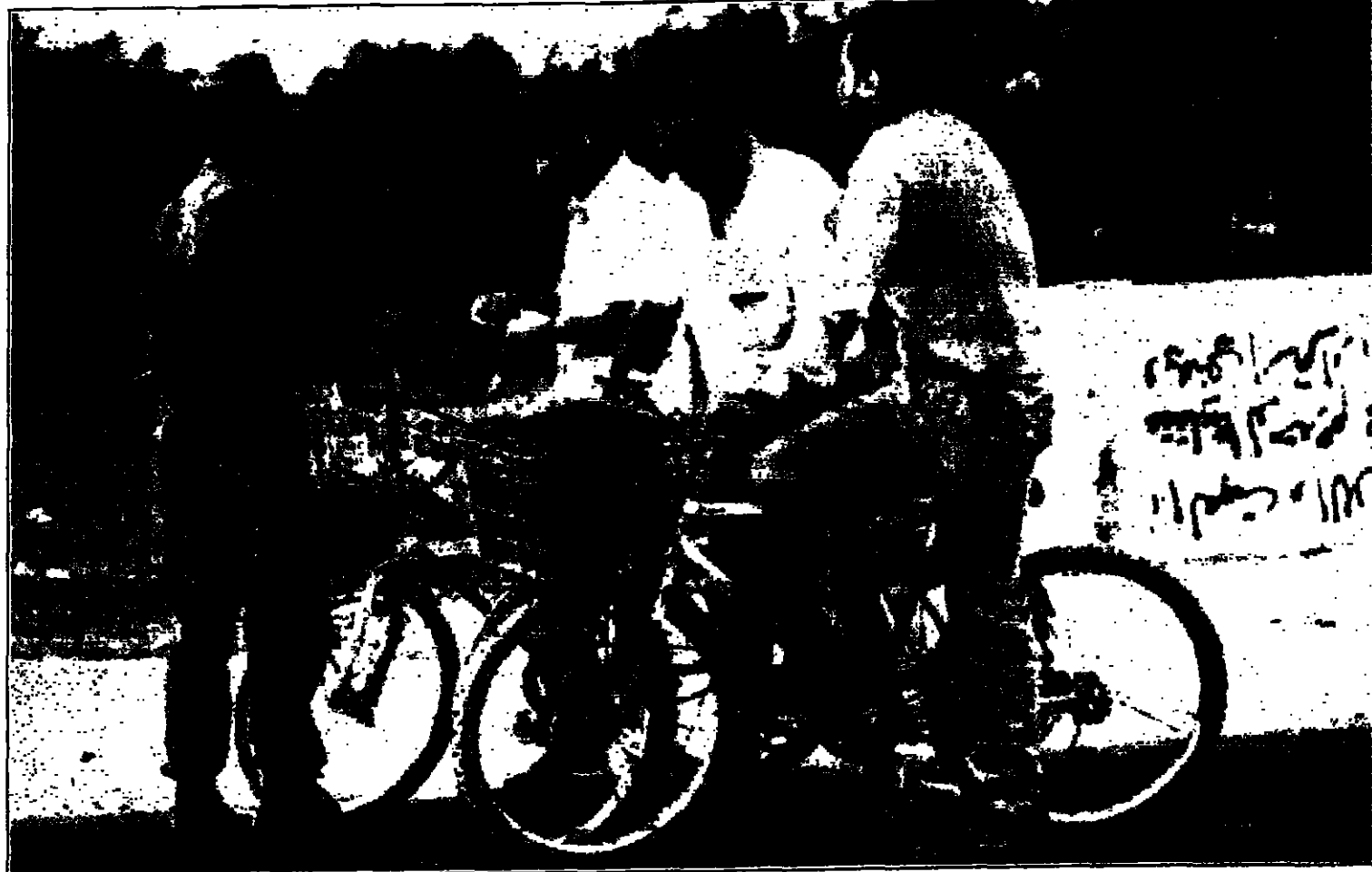
Supporting assessments by his aides, Christopher said Assad did not appear unduly bothered by the recent rapprochement between Israel and Jordan, which will hold a summit meeting in Washington tomorrow.

"He seemed to be relaxed about it," Christopher said. "He did not seem to be affected much one way or the other by the upcoming summit."

Christopher said the summit between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein would create a "new era" in relations between the two countries.

The secretary of state described his visit to Jordan on Wednesday, when Peres met Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali on the shores of the Dead Sea, as the "emotional high point" of his tour.

Christopher also said he was "deeply impressed" by the squalid conditions in the Gaza Strip, where he met Arafat at his new headquarters on Thursday.



A Palestinian police officer checks workers' permits outside the Erez checkpoint on Friday after the IDF reopened the crossing. (AP)

IDF kills Palestinian in Nablus riot

SOLDIERS shot a Palestinian man dead in Nablus, an IDF soldier was wounded in a Gaza ambush, and a Jewish boy was lightly wounded by an explosive device in Hebron Friday.

Meanwhile, thousands of Palestinian opponents to the peace process demonstrated in Gaza Friday, defying Palestinian authority threats to crack down on the opposition.

An army statement confirmed that Mohammed Jabr, 25, was shot dead in Nablus during the clashes in the city. The statement said Jabr was killed after soldiers opened fire on a vehicle fleeing from police. It said the army was investigating the circumstances of the incident.

Earlier Friday, a soldier was wounded when Palestinian gunmen ambushed an IDF patrol near the settlement of Morag in the Gaza Strip. The incident followed the lifting of the five-day-long closure imposed after last Sunday's Erez checkpoint riots. An army statement said a patrol scout was shot in the arm and leg while

the army was clearing a road near the settlement.

A leaflet found at the scene of the attack claimed it was carried out by the Islamic Jihad, as revenge for the deaths of Palestinians in the checkpoint riots.

Palestinian Police were reported searching for the assailants in Khan Yunis, while the IDF combed the Gush Katif area.

A Jewish boy was lightly wounded in Hebron by one of four bombs the army said went off in the region. The boy was playing in a park near Beit Schneerson when the explosive device, apparently tossed in from the street, blew up near him.

According to Palestinian reports, 15 Palestinians were wounded in clashes with soldiers in Hebron during the day, but the IDF did not confirm those reports.

A border policeman was lightly wounded yesterday by a rock thrown by Arab youths in

Bethlehem. Border policemen responded by firing rubber bullets and tear gas at the youths, but no casualties were reported.

Approximately 7,000 Palestinians gathered in Gaza's Yarmouk soccer stadium Friday to hear speakers denounce the PLO-Israeli accord.

Hamas leader Mahsen Abu Ayata read out the names of 10 Palestinians killed since the autonomy began in May, some, he claimed, by Israelis and some by the Palestinian Police.

"These are the victims of the autonomy," Abu Ayata said. "We have the right to protest, we don't accept democracy armed with clubs and fangs."

Palestinian Police said last week they would crack down on opposition to the peace process.

One banner read: "Blood and blood and blood is the law of the autonomy." Demonstrators burned US and Israeli flags, but the turnout of 7,000 was far less than the 35,000 the organizers had anticipated, according to news agencies.

Hussein, Rabin off to Washington

News agencies

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres left last night for Washington, where they will meet with Jordan's King Hussein at the White House tomorrow. Hussein left Amman for Washington Friday.

At a ceremony on the White House lawn, the two leaders are to issue a joint statement, which is widely expected to include an announcement that the state of war between the two countries is ended.

An announcement of a project to develop the Jordan Valley is also expected. A team of Israelis and Jordanians has been reportedly working feverishly over the weekend on the statement.

Hussein and Rabin are also expected to address a joint session of Congress.

A poll published in the weekly *Shabi* newspaper showed the vast majority of Jewish Israelis are happy with peace developments with Jordan, but that they disapprove equally of the status of talks with Syria.

The poll, conducted by the Shach research company, showed that 73 percent of Israelis were "happy" with recent peace developments with Jordan. Another 22% were unhappy with the talks, and 5% did not answer.

The telephone survey, with a margin of error of 4.2%, targeted only Jewish Israelis.

The survey showed that 72% of the respondents were unhappy with the stalled talks with Syria, as opposed to 19% who were happy and 9% who had no answer.

Meanwhile, Israeli Television broadcast pictures on Friday of what it said were secret talks by Israeli and Jordanian transport experts in Eilat Port.

The television said the two delegations met with US officials at a local hotel to discuss the construction of a highway from Jordan via Eilat to Egypt.

Palestinian Authority okays operational plan Economics talks begin in Jericho

THE Palestinian Authority, in its first full meeting yesterday, endorsed an operational plan to be implemented by the year's end, officials said.

One official said the 17 members approved a program "outlining the work of each department in the self-rule administration."

"The serious, gradual but planned building of the Palestinian Authority institutions and structures has begun," said the official.

Ahmed Oreia, who holds the economics and trade portfolio, said: "During today's meeting, each minister in the self-rule Palestinian government discussed his ministry's plans, programs, needs and what they have achieved so far."

Nabil Shaath, in charge of planning, said: "We discussed building structures of the Palestinian Authority, its budget and how to fill the remaining seven portfolios."

On Friday, meanwhile, Pales-

tinian leaders denounced the Rabin government's plans to ban activity by the Palestinian Authority in Jerusalem, and said the Holy city should be moved up on the agenda of peace talks.

The government last week proposed legislation forbidding the authority from operating anywhere in Israel, including eastern Jerusalem.

The focus of discord has been Orient House in eastern Jerusalem, which the government says has become a virtual Palestinian foreign ministry.

"Such procedures on the Israeli side are putting the entire peace process under danger," said Faisal Hussein, the Palestinian minister responsible for Jerusalem affairs.

"The issue of Jerusalem must be discussed as soon as possible," Hussein told a news conference at Orient House that the bill was part of Israeli policy to unilaterally decide the fate of the city before negotiations on it begin.

News agencies

Hanan Ashrawi called on the United States and other countries sponsoring the peace process to support leaving the city's status open until it is negotiated. She said the proposed law restricting official Palestinian activity in the city was illegal.

In another development, around 30 members of the "Peace Bloc" (*Gush Shalom*) demonstrated Friday in Safra Square to protest the proposed legislation against PLO activity in Jerusalem. Among the participants were journalist Uri Avneri and Jerusalem city council member Anat Hoffman (Meretz).

Also Friday, the army turned back Mohammed Zuhdi Nashashibi, who holds the Palestinian Authority's finance portfolio, when he tried to enter Jerusalem.

"He [Nashashibi] wanted to enter Jerusalem from Jericho but he didn't have permission so he was told to go back to the autonomy areas," an army spokeswoman said.

News agencies

On Wednesday, Ahmed Oreia accused Israel of jeopardizing the accord with the PLO by barring him from entering Jerusalem to address an economic conference.

Last week, Hamas warned that the Palestinian police commander's vow to crack down on extremists attacking Israelis laid "the cornerstone of a civil war."

The warning came in a leaflet issued in Gaza by Hamas's armed wing, Izzadin Kassam. The Palestinian Police in Gaza arrested three Hamas activists there that day and reportedly demolished a home used as a hideout.

Palestinian sources said another three men were arrested later that day.

The men are suspected in the ambush of an IDF patrol, during which Lt. Guy Ovadia was killed. Maj.-Gen. Nasr Yousef, commander of the Palestinian Police, pledged to curb anti-Israeli violence Wednesday.

THE PLO and Israel will begin talks in Jericho today on implementing their economic accord, officials from both sides said.

Ahmed Oreia (Abu Ala), Palestinian Authority member in charge of economics, said the opening of economic talks in the joint Israeli-PLO liaison offices in Jericho.

"During the Palestinian National Authority meeting in Gaza today an economic committee was named and it was decided that talks on setting procedures to implement the economic accord would start on Sunday," Oreia told Reuters.

Elisheva Braun, spokeswoman for Finance Minister Abraham Shohat, said the meeting of the joint economic committee "will be

the first between Minister Shohat and Abu Ala since they signed an economic agreement in Paris."

Another PLO official said today's meeting would deal with 32 items that needed to be resolved before actual implementation.

"The meeting is aimed at setting procedures for implementation of the economic accord and we may demand some amendments, particularly those related to the import policy from Arab states," said the official.

He said the items to be discussed included implementation of follow-up procedures, import and export policies, customs clearance, the number and rights of Palestinian laborers working in Israel, and a Palestinian currency

for the self-rule areas.

Oreia said funds pledged by international donors and the World Bank for the the Palestinian Authority "would be implemented according to the PLO's agreement with the World Bank which took place in Washington last month."

Another PLO official said this meant introducing a system of "transparency which would lead to the disbursement of funds committed by international donors but that had been delayed by the Palestinians' lack of transparency."

"We had agreed in Washington on a priority list of projects for the development of the Palestinian economy in the fields of technical assistance and investment," the official said. (Reuters)

New mayor for Gaza City
PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat appointed Aoun A-Shawa mayor of Gaza City and ordered him to choose a new local council that will include all local political factions. Nine months ago, Arafat appointed Mansour A-Shawa to the job, but the mayor failed to persuade Islamic fundamentalists to join the council. *Jim*

Soldiers abduct Hizbullah activist north of zone

AEON PINKAS

HIZBULLAH activist Kassem Reihan was snatched by an IDF force operating north of the security zone late Friday night and brought him back to Israel for questioning, the army confirmed yesterday.

An army statement said that "An IDF force, on the night between July 22 and 23, arrested Kassem Reihan, suspected of aiding Hizbullah activities against the IDF and the South Lebanese Army."

The statement did not specify where Reihan was taken from, nor the meaning of "arrest," and whether it is temporary or not. News agencies reported from Lebanon that Reihan was snatched while driving his car between Nabatiya and Youmhor village.

Kassem is known to have assisted Hizbullah in observing and reporting IDF and SLA convoy

movements in south Lebanon. He was snatched by IDF paratroopers near his village, on the slopes of the Beaufort. The army considers him a relatively minor operative.

IDF artillery meanwhile shelled known Hizbullah strongholds in the Iqlin el-Tuffah region, a hilly area north of the zone's central sector.

Lebanese security sources said about 50 heavy artillery shells slammed into the area. There were no reports of casualties.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Three dead in two-car collision

Three people were killed and three were seriously injured in a road accident Friday night on the Jerusalem-Jericho road near Mishor Adumim.

Police said a car traveling from Jerusalem veered out of its lane at high speed and crashed head-on into another car. The dead and injured were brought to Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem.

Yesterday, a 17-year-old motocyclist riding near the Palmahim army base was hit by a car and suffered serious head injuries. *Jim*

Envoy to Ireland presents credentials

Israel's first ambassador to Ireland, Zvi Gabai, presented his credentials Friday to President Mary Robinson in Dublin, giving Israel permanent representation in all 12 countries of the European Union.

Until now, relations with Ireland were conducted through the embassy in London.

Gabai, who has worked for the Foreign Ministry since 1965, had previously served in the consulates in Philadelphia and San Francisco, as consul-general in Sydney, Australia, and until recently was head of the ministry's Middle East department. *Jim*

Darwish asked to open Nazareth Festival
Poet Mahmoud Darwish, a member of the Palestinian National Council's executive committee, has been invited by the Nazareth Municipality to open the Nazareth Festival at the end of September.

Darwish, originally from the village of Jedida in the Galilee, left there in 1972 and moved to France. Since then his return has been blocked by the authorities.

The three-day festival will include Arabic theater performances, and dance and musical performances by both Arab and Jewish groups. *Jim*

US asks Israel to send troops to Haiti

Israel is considering a US request to send IDF troops to a multinational force being prepared to intervene to restore a democratic regime in Haiti, the Foreign Ministry announced Friday. *Jim*

Haredim riot in Jerusalem

Dozens of haredim rioted yesterday afternoon protesting the fact that Rehov Bar-Ilan had not been closed to traffic on Shabbat. The protesters dumped garbage on the street and threw rocks and bottles at cars. Police dispersed the demonstrators and arrested a minor. A young man was arrested in Mea She'arim on Friday for putting up signs calling for Saturday afternoon's demonstration. *Jim*

In very deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dearest darling

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YOSEF ZVI HACHOEN

KAPLAN ז"ל

ben Shabtai Hachoen Kaplan ז"ל

(Baltimore - Netanya)

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and grandchildren

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Dr. Emanuel Kaplan, Baltimore Md.

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MK Eliezer Zandberg said that this agreement means that Labor will cancel any High Court decision that Ovadia opposes.

If Shas enters the coalition this week, MKs Moshe Mayya and Arye Gattiel will receive the Religious Affairs and Interior portfolios, respectively, while MK Shlomo Benizri will be appointed deputy minister.

Rabin's cabinet will expand by four ministers this week, since the prime minister made promises involving two Labor ministerial appointments in addition to Shas's two. One of these is MK Rafi Edri, who was instrumental in obtaining the agreement which enabled Shas's return to the coalition, and the second is Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, who was promised an appointment when Efraim Sneh was named health minister earlier this month.

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European tourists stranded by French air controllers' strike

MARSEILLE (Reuters) - Thousands of sun-seeking tourists fumed in crowded airports throughout western Europe yesterday as a strike by French air traffic controllers took its toll on holiday flights to the south.

As the peak holiday weekend built up, passengers in some countries were being delayed by up to five hours and airport officials were warning the backlog could worsen.

A mere 11 controllers in Aix-en-Provence, in charge of flights over southern France, were on the second of a three-day strike aimed at improving working conditions.

Total paralysis was averted because of a legal obligation forcing them to guarantee a minimum service.

But their action cut the number of flights over the region by half and was sharply criticised by German Transport Minister Matthias Wissmann.

"The strike is, in a way, a deprivation of liberty in the pursuit of selfish goals," he told reporters.

"It cannot be that a strike in one place brings the whole European aviation system to a standstill."

Wissmann announced that Germany, France and Italy have agreed to divert some flights over Italian airspace.

Among the worst-hit was Manchester airport in northern England where officials said over 3,000 tourists had been held up, some for as long as five hours.

Outbound flights were delayed for longer than four hours while returning passengers faced even worse hold-ups.

Manchester officials expected delays to worsen as the weekend progressed.

British travellers tried to show a stiff upper lip. "It's not so bad - there's a bar down at the end of the lounge," a young man whose flight had been delayed for hours told Sky television.

One irate French traveller at Marseille however was less accommodating: "I've been telephoning every hour since yesterday afternoon at five," she told France 3 television. "Every hour they tell me to call back in an hour's time."

"This morning at seven, they told me to come here in case my flight took off," she said.

Aix-en-Provence is one of France's five air control centres and normally handles 2,400 flights a day in peak periods.

In Palma de Mallorca, the Spanish airport most affected by the strike, a spokesman said: "Arrivals are almost at a halt" because alternative routes to avoid overflying Marseille "do not have the capacity to absorb traffic coming from central Europe."

Departures from Palma on one of the holiday season's peak weekends were subject to delays of between one and two hours, officials said. This had meant major crowding on a day when more than 650 planes and 100,000 passengers were expected to pass through the airport.

"If things go on like this we will have real problems when delayed flights originating in Germany and Britain do land, because they will snarl up the takeoff process for departing planes," a senior official said.

US tried to deceive Russians on 'Star Wars'

NEW YORK (AP) - US officials working on the Star Wars antimissile defense system ran a deception program in the 1980s to convince the Soviet Union the project was far more advanced than it was. *The New York Times* said.

Star Wars officials secretly rigged a series of tests in 1983 and 1984, the *Times* reported yesterday, citing a report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of the US Congress.

Sensor-equipped bombs were loaded on the target missile so it would explode even when the attacking missile missed the target, the GAO report said. But in the first three tests, the attacking missile missed by too great a distance to fool anyone, the report said.

Then, in 1984, the deception plan was abandoned, the report said. Instead, project officials took measures to enhance the odds that the fourth and final test would succeed, the report said, describing those efforts as secretive but not deceptive.

According to the *Times*, that conclusion directly contradicts accusations made to Congress in August by four men who worked for the Star Wars program, and who said that the officials had rigged the fourth test as part of the deception plan, called the Homing Overlay Experiment.

After the first three tests failed, the success of the fourth test became crucial to continued government financing for the Reagan administration's Strategic Defense Initiative, known as Star Wars.

However, Sen. David Pryor, an Arkansas Democrat who requested the General Accounting Office investigation, told the *Times* he remained convinced the enhancements for the fourth test were part of a pattern of deception.

"Whether you call it test-rigging or enhancement, it is an outrage that Congress did not find out about it until 10 years had passed and \$35 billion was spent" on the program, he told the newspaper.

The *Times* quoted the GAO report as saying "the deception program was started in hopes of affecting Soviet perception of US ballistic missile defense capabilities," as well as "impacting arms control negotiations and influence Soviet spending" on military countermeasures.

New Labor leader erodes Major's popularity

LONDON (Reuters) - The young new leader of Britain's main opposition party is rapidly stealing public sympathy from already unpopular Prime Minister John Major, a weekend opinion poll showed.

The poll, conducted after Tony Blair was elected new Labor Party leader on Thursday, found 61 percent of voters thought he would be a better prime minister than Conservative leader Major, who was preferred by only 23 percent.

Other adults asked by Gallup pollsters for the *Sunday Telegraph* said neither man would be better or gave no reply.

Voters also said they trusted Blair more than Major on all main issues, even old Conservative preserves like defense.

Former lawyer Tony Blair, 41, won a clear victory in a party election to fill the shoes of the older and less charismatic John Smith, who died of a heart attack in May.

Blair's victory shifted his leftist party, out of office for 15 years, clearly towards the political centre, unnering Conservatives who fear Labor could now pose a real challenge to their unpopular government at elections to be held by 1997.

In the survey Blair did best on healthcare, where 68 percent thought he would do a better job than Major (on 17 percent), whose party Labor accuses of stealthily trying to dismantle the ailing National Health Service, once the pride of the nation.

Major's least bad rating was on his tough "Britain first" stand towards the European Union, where 34 percent of the 732 adults polled thought he could be trusted more than Blair. But the Labor leader still did better with 41 percent backing.

Conservative party officials attributed Blair's high marks mostly to a new-leader novelty factor, but a former cabinet minister warned his colleagues against complacency.

Zealous extras turn film shoot into farce

DUBLIN (Reuters) - A medieval battle shot for actor Mel Gibson's Hollywood epic *Braveheart* turned into farce when hundreds of over-zealous Irish extras battered each other.

Some 500 Irish army reservists ended up in hospital near the shoot at Currage, most of them sporting cuts and bruises after taking the battle a bit too seriously.

"Forgetting it was only a film, they mercilessly clattered each other with wooden swords, axes and spears," the *Daily Mirror* reported.

For the \$100-million film billed as the biggest Hollywood epic since Charlton Heston's *El Cid*, they were re-enacting the 1297 Battle of Stirling, in Scotland, where a ragged army led by local chieftain William Wallace fought the English.

"The Irish Reserve Army don't see much real action, so this could be the only chance they'll ever have," a military police official said.

Other extras suffered from dehydration and sunstroke.

Gibson's troubles continued when a hillside charge had to be reshoot after cavalrymen were spotted in spectacles and other soldiers chatted and laughed with supposed enemies on film.



German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel (right) walks over the makeshift replacement of Mostar's famous Old Bridge, followed by EU administrator Hans Koschnik and Croat President Franjo Tudjman.

Germany, US push Serbs to accept Bosnian peace plan

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - US and German officials day made fresh appeals to Bosnia's Serbs to accept the latest Bosnian peace plan and played down differences with Russia over the international response to its rejection.

Germany's Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel called on Bosnian Serbs to reconsider their effective rejection of the international peace plan drawn up by the "contact group" of major powers.

"The response from the Bosnian Serbs is disappointing. Their additional demands are further delaying a peace settlement," Kinkel said in a speech in the southern Bosnian city of Mostar.

Kinkel said the Serbs faced punitive measures if they failed to accept the plan by July 30, when foreign ministers from the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany will meet to consider action.

"If the attitude of the Bosnian

Serbs hasn't changed by (July 30) their answer will have to be taken as a 'no,' with all the consequences this entails. I call on them again to accept this plan. It is not a chance they should cast away."

The Serbs have asked for further negotiations to address certain demands while the Moslem-Croat Bosnian federation has reluctantly endorsed the deal that would carve up the former Yugoslav republic roughly in half between the two sides.

Western powers have characterised the Serb demands as a rejection of the peace plan while Russia, traditional friend of the Serbs, has seen their response in a more positive light.

Washington's special envoy Charles Redman said Western powers would patch up their differences with Russia in the next week before their foreign ministers meet.

"I think we can work things out

(with the Russians). There is no concern that there will not be a contact group agreement. There will be an escalating series of measures," he said.

Measures being considered against the Serbs include tightening economic sanctions on Serbia proper, stricter enforcement and possible expansion of weapons exclusion zones and a lifting of the UN arms embargo for Moslem-led Bosnian army forces.

"The contact group has an idea what to do but no formal agreement yet on how to take these steps. There are things we can do to tighten sanctions (against Serbia)," he added without elaborating.

Redman indicated that the Bosnian Serbs' demands for further talks amounted to a stalling tactic because they were raising issues already addressed by international mediators.

Redman was attending a cere-

mony inaugurating European Union administration of the battered city of Mostar, where Croats and Moslems fought a bitter year-long war before agreeing a US-brokered ceasefire in February.

The European Union took charge of Mostar yesterday for an ambitious two-year project to bring the divided Bosnian city back from the dead.

The renewed Moslem-Croat alliance faces a crucial test in the city, where Croat militia laid vicious siege to the east side of town and subjected Moslems to relentless shelling.

Five planes were hit by small arms or machine-gun fire at Sarajevo airport on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, wounding two passengers.

Some believe the onslaught is the opening gambit in a war of nerves over the latest international peace plan.

O.J. Simpson pleads 'absolutely, 100 percent not guilty' to murder

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Exuding a confidence unseen since his arrest on murder charges, NFL legend and actor O.J. Simpson strode into the courtroom and once again avowed he had nothing to do with the savage slaying of his ex-wife and her friend.

It was a reborn Simpson at Friday's arraignment, no longer the dazed defendant who could barely utter his name at his first court appearance a month ago. Here was the O.J. his fans had known and loved for decades - a man who looked like a winner.

When the door from his holding cell opened, and the TV camera rolled, it was clear that Simpson knew he was on.

Asked for his plea in the June 12 slaying deaths of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and her friend Ron Goldman, 25, the former sports star and actor delivered his one line with feeling: "Absolutely, 100 percent not guilty."

He smiled. He clapped his attorneys on the shoulders and shook their hands. And when there was a decision to be made on accepting the judge assigned to the case, defense lawyer Robert Shapiro conferred with Simpson before answering yes.

Natally attired in a black suit and red tie, the 47-year-old Simpson appeared stronger physically, no longer shuffling in and out of court as he had during a preliminary hearing.

From the front two rows of the courtroom, the victims' families watched the proceedings. Simpson did not acknowledge them but turned toward the spectator section on the way out of the courtroom and gave the thumbs-up sign to a group of supporters.

They smiled and waved.

Joan Gault, 59, of Santa Monica, left the courtroom in tears and told reporters she believed Simpson had been framed.

Simpson's more confident demeanor was the latest signal that the defense is preparing an all-out legal battle to prove that Simpson is an innocent man who was wrongly and, perhaps maliciously, accused of murder.

To that end, Simpson added yet another high-profile attorney to his legal team, Johnnie Cochran Jr. A gifted trial attorney, Cochran has represented such celebrities as Michael Jackson.

And, in a case that has taken on racial overtones, Cochran's addition gives the team its first black lawyer and someone with close ties to local black leaders.

Another player who entered the case Friday is Superior Court Judge Lance Ito, who was selected to preside over Simpson's trial.

The 43-year-old Ito (EAT-oh) is no stranger to the limelight: He presided over the securities fraud trial of Charles H. Keating Jr. in

the most notorious case to emerge from the nation's savings and loan debacle.

As expected, Simpson's Superior Court arraignment before Supervising Judge Cecil Mills was brief, with Simpson entering an anticipated innocent plea to double murder. Prosecutors said they still haven't decided whether to seek the death penalty.

Mills set a pretrial hearing before Ito for July 29, the same day Simpson's friend A.C. Cowlings will hear whether he faces charges for his role in Simpson's freeway flight from justice on June 17.

Mills kept the proceeding well within the narrow confines of an arraignment. He cut short the defense's efforts to argue other matters.

Shapiro had tried to discuss a defense request that it be allowed to conduct its own tests on blood samples. Shapiro wants this done before the prosecution performs so-called genetic fingerprinting tests, which could consume the samples. Those tests are scheduled to begin Tuesday.

But Mills said Ito, as the trial judge, would have to handle that matter. Ito agreed to hold a hearing tomorrow.

One of the prosecutors on the Simpson case, William Hodgman, was the lead prosecutor in the Keating case.

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Gambian president hides on US ship after coup

DAKAR, Senegal (Reuters) - Soldiers seized power in Gambia after ram-paging through Banjul in a dispute over pay and diplomats said yesterday the ousted president was being sheltered on a US warship.

President Sir Dawda Jawara had taken refuge on the US Navy tank landing ship La Moure County, visiting the capital of the tiny West African nation on a training mission, diplomats in neighboring Senegal said.

Gambia's land borders and airport were closed and international telephone lines were cut after troops marched through Banjul on Friday and later said they had taken power.

"This is an announcement by the Gambian armed forces. This country is being taken over by the Gambian armed forces. The previous political regime has been completely toppled," state radio said in a broadcast monitored in Senegal.

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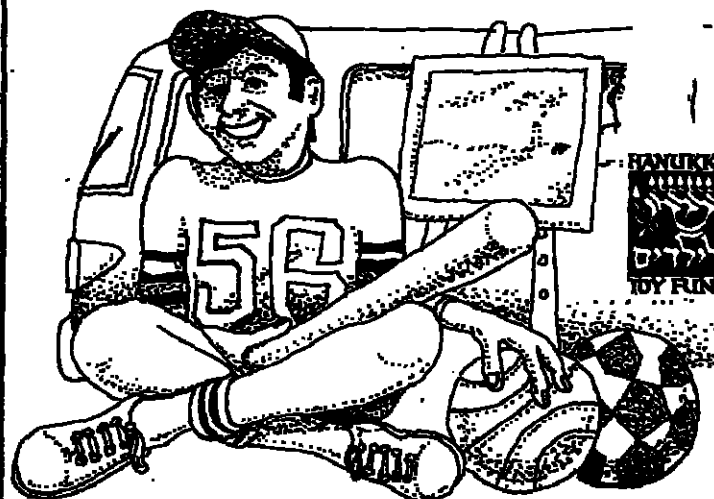
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Kim Jong Il said in control of North Korea

BEIJING (AP) — Kim Jong Il appears to be in full control of North Korea following his father's death and is preparing for a summit meeting with South Korea, a private meeting with him said yesterday.

Bo Hi Pak, publisher of the *Seogye Times* in Seoul and chairman of the Washington Times Co., met with Kim during an 11-day visit to Pyongyang that included attending the late Kim Il Sung's funeral and memorial service.

"The country was calm. He was

in full control," Pak said at a news conference in Beijing. However, the secretive communist regime carefully orchestrates what visitors are allowed to see, and a behind-the-scenes power struggle may not be apparent to outsiders.

Paraphrasing Kim Jong Il's remarks during their 45-minute private meeting, Pak said the North Korean leader regarded the North-South summit as "almost a fait accompli" and said arrangements have already been made.

Kim Il Sung's death July 8 came less than three weeks before he

and his South Korean counterpart were to meet for the first North-South summit.

"What the late President Kim Il Sung promised to former President Jimmy Carter remains in effect," Pak said, referring to Kim's meeting with Carter during which the late leader suggested a summit meeting. "I deeply sensed (Kim Jong Il) will carry out his father's wishes."

Pak did not say if a new summit date has been set. Antonio Betancourt, executive director of the Summit Council, who accompa-

nied Pak on the visit, said the North Koreans hinted they expected some gesture of condolence from the South before the summit.

Pak also serves as president of the Summit Council, an international organization based in Washington D.C. made up of former heads of state. The organization has had frequent contacts with the Pyongyang government for the past three years and is regarded as friendly by the North Korean leadership.

Pak and Betancourt were unex-

pectedly invited to Pyongyang two weeks ago after they arrived in Beijing to pay condolences at the North Korean Embassy in the Chinese capital.

Pak's visit has caused a controversy in South Korea. The Seoul government is considering charging Pak, a South Korean citizen, with violating national security laws that ban direct contact with North Korea without government consent.

Pak said he acted out of a desire to promote peace and Korean reunification. But Seoul said yester-

day that Pak would have to file a report with the government on the details of his visit.

Pak described the younger Kim, who has been portrayed in Western reports as enigmatic and even mentally unstable, as "quite energetic, jovial and engaged in active conversation" during their meeting.

Betancourt said the North Koreans are building a mausoleum to permanently display Kim Il Sung's body, but said they did not provide other details, including where it was located.

Should we start preparing for comet collision?

THE fiery death of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 on Jupiter provided astronomers with data for years — but one question remains: What if such a crash happened on Earth?

Astronomer Eugene Shoemaker reassured reporters even as the comet-barrage of Jupiter proceeded: even the biggest fragment of Shoemaker-Levy was no "dinosaur-killer."

Jupiter, with a mass more than 300 times Earth, may bear the scars of Shoemaker-Levy's demise for a year or more, with "black eyes," bloody-colored bruises and a dazzling show of its northern lights all caused by the impact of comet chunks.

If one of Shoemaker-Levy's 21 chunks hurtled toward Earth, it might dig a crater the size of Rhode Island and send up debris into the atmosphere that could filter sunlight and affect crops, but it would not threaten civilization, Shoemaker and others have said.

For those who theorize that the violent descent of a meteorite, asteroid or comet wiped out dinosaurs on Earth 65 million years ago, this is not necessarily calming, given predictions by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NASA estimates there are 2,100 asteroids larger than .6 mile (1 km), and further theorizes that the collision of a falling body that size on Earth could degrade the global climate, leading to widespread crop failure and loss of life.

Something 5 km or more would cause mass extinctions on Earth, according to NASA. There are 15 comets that pass inside Earth's orbit but are between 1-10 km and could cause massive damage if they crashed into Earth.

This is not likely any time soon, nor have there been any reports of a human being dying by a meteorite or comet impact in the last 1,000 years, according to NASA's figures.

Nevertheless, the six-day death dive of Shoemaker-Levy that ended Friday appears to have raised concern consciousness on Capitol Hill, where the House of Representatives Science, Space and Technology Committee asked NASA to study some of the comets and asteroids whose paths will intersect Earth's.

Some at the Defense Department and in NASA have advocated using "Star Wars" technology to take aim at any incoming comets and change their orbits, but Shoemaker disagrees.

"Knocking a comet down is a tough thing to do," Shoemaker said Friday at a briefing at Goddard Space Flight Centre in suburban Washington. "I for one am not one that's advocating that we have a standby armada of launch vehicles, nuclear weapons to go shoot them down."

He did agree that concentrating on the few comets or other bodies most likely to collide with Earth would be appropriate, but said trying to get them all would not be the right response to the situation.

"I think we just should ride with that risk," Shoemaker said. "We can afford to take the risk a little bit longer and I would think in the future our technical capabilities are going to change dramatically and we may be better prepared."

Hundreds of thousands of people have been killed in the civil war between the Islamic government in the traditionally dominant Arab north and rebels in the largely Christian and animist south.

Khartoum (AP) — The Sudan government declared a unilateral cease-fire starting yesterday in its 11-year war with southern rebels, but a rebel spokesman said the move is a sham.

It was the 24th such declaration by the government since Lt. Gen. Omar el-Bashir came to power in a June 1989 coup.

The truce, announced over state-run radio and television on Friday, was to take effect at midnight yesterday.

Sudan's army recently gained control of major southern towns, but extending the campaign into rural areas would be difficult.

However, Stephen Wondou, a spokesman for the rebel faction led by the insurgents' founder John Garang, yesterday dismissed the cease-fire announcement and said the army was continuing an assault on Nimule, a rebel-held town near the Uganda border.

"The announcement was a sham intended to deceive the mediators and the international community," Wondou said in Nairobi, Kenya.

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King to decide on extradition from Jordan

AMMAN (AP) — The extradition of a Jordanian wanted in the United States in the death of his American wife is a "political decision" that should be made by King Hussein, sources said yesterday.

A high-ranking security source, whose identity cannot be revealed under standing regulations, said Jordan "would like" to try Mohammed Ismail Abueqwa in the kingdom "since the suspect still retains his Jordanian nationality."

However, that source, as well as legal experts, said Hussein, Jordan's ultimate authority, might decide to give the suspect to US authorities out of political and economic considerations.

The sources spoke two days after Jordanian authorities arrested Abueqwa, 45, at a deserted shack in the outskirts of Amman and took him in for interrogation.

The United States has demanded Abueqwa's extradition for trial on charges of strangling his 40-year-old wife, Nihal. Nihal's body was found in her Parsippany-Troy Hills apartment in a New Jersey suburb on July 6.

Abueqwa, whose surname in official Arabic documents in Jordan is Ayouqa, left the United States July 6 with the couple's two children, Lisa, 6, and Sami, 3. Officials said the whereabouts of the two children remains unknown.

Abueqwa, a naturalized American citizen, was arrested by Jordanians following a request from the

US administration.

Legal experts say the kingdom faces a dilemma over Abueqwa's case. Jordan would like to try the suspect at a local court since he has not given up his Jordanian nationality.

But Hussein, who is to meet US President Clinton in Washington tomorrow, would like to appease the United States. Washington has promised him military aid and relief on \$952 debt in return for a swift peace with Israel.

Hussein's relations with Washington only recently warmed after a political isolation caused by his perceived tilt towards Iraq in the aftermath of the 1990-91 Gulf crisis. The king would like to secure American backing in a region where turmoil and political upheavals have rocked many regimes.

In a joint press conference with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher on Wednesday, Hussein indicated that he was willing to cooperate with Washington on Abueqwa's case. But he declined to be specific on whether he would accept American requests for the suspect's extradition.

Jordan and the United States do not have an extradition treaty.

However, Tahir Hikmat, a former justice minister and a prominent lawyer, said Jordan preferred to try its subjects, even if an extradition treaty exists.

"It is a matter of sovereignty for Jordan," he said.



Thai human-rights activist Sarawut Pratoomraj (right) wearing a symbolic gag, listens as attorney Cecilia Jimenez from the Philippines reads a statement protesting conditions in Southeast Asia, during the closing ceremony of the ASEAN foreign ministers' meeting.

Southeast Asians criticize Western linkage between trade and human rights

IN an obvious slap at the United States and its Western partners, six Asian ministers yesterday criticized the insertion of social and environmental "clauses" into international trade agreements.

The foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations expressed "serious concern" that the linkage of workers rights, labour standards and environmental issues could become a new pretext for protectionism.

The statement was contained in a communique ending the 27th ASEAN foreign ministers meeting. For the first time the annual session was also attended by the other four nations of Southeast Asia.

The booming economies of the region are fighting what they regard as trade protectionism in the form of demands — chiefly by the United States and the European Union — for improved working and environmental conditions.

The 32-point communique also said ASEAN was ready to accept Vietnam as a member, but did not specify a date by which the Communist country would be included.

After the conference, Thai Foreign Minister Prasong Soonsiri said a committee had been formed

to pave the way for Vietnam's admission but noted the Hanoi government had not yet formally applied to join.

ASEAN currently includes Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines. One focus of the two-day meeting was the possible expansion of the bloc.

Alleged Western protectionism is likely to resurface next week when the ASEAN ministers meet here with their seven traditional dialogue partners, including the United States, the European Union and Australia.

The communique called on these seven to respond positively to "ASEAN's needs to foster a more meaningful partnership" and expressed concern over measures restricting market access of ASEAN exports.

Human rights was a major issue during the ASEAN conference even though the ministers, following an ASEAN policy that human rights issues are internal issues, did not discuss human rights issues.

The United States and Australia

commenting on perhaps the most turbulent country in the region, criticized the ASEAN peace and stability in Cambodia had not been fully realized.

The ministers condemned a recent coup attempt against the Cambodian government and deplored the setting up of a "provisional government" by the radical Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

Asked about ASEAN providing military aid to the Cambodian government, Prasong said this was not allowed under the Paris Peace Accords which led to last year's UN-supervised elections and the current regime. But he said non-lethal military aid, like training, could be provided.

Reports from Phnom Penh yesterday said an Indonesian company had clinched a deal to sell large quantities of assault rifle ammunition to the Cambodian government.

Tomorrow the six ministers will inaugurate an ASEAN Regional Forum, designed as a platform for "preventive diplomacy" in heading off potentially serious regional problems. Also taking part will be officials from Australia, Canada, China, the United States, New Zealand, South Korea, the European Union, Vietnam, Laos, Russia and Papua Guinea.

(AP)

Yale expert: Computers need emotions to think

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SCIENCE will never be able to create a computer that truly duplicates the human mind until researchers find a way to program a computer with emotions, a Yale professor and noted computer expert believes.

David Gelernter, an associate professor of computer science and author of *The Muse in the Machine*, says that if the goal of artificial intelligence is to truly duplicate the human mind, then it must mimic our ability to wonder, to dream, to draw analogies, to think intuitively, to come up with a brainstorm or insight.

The ability to draw an analogy between two unrelated objects and events, said Gelernter, is the basis of all creativity.

And it is emotion that enables a person to connect two disparate thoughts and come up with an analogy, or metaphor, he said.

He said rational, logical, analytical, thinking is just one end of what he views as a spectrum ranging from high-focus to low-focus thought.

"There is a continuum of different possibilities ranging from focused analytical precision, where you control your thoughts, to dreaming, where your mind seems to decide for itself in some sense what your next thought will be," Gelernter said in a recent interview with Reuters.

The high-focus end, he said, is where problem-solving usually begins, while inspiration, creativity, insight, and intuition, all are found at the low-focus end of the spectrum.

Science tends to ignore the value and importance of low-focus thinking, Gelernter said.

In the past, he said, speculation

about the workings of the human mind were intriguing to poets and novelists, as well as scientists, but he said science has "hijacked" the subject.

To question their right to do so, he said, is seen as being "almost anti-intellectual."

Gelernter and his research colleagues have made their own stab at creating artificial intelligence, although he said it would take decades to program a computer with full thinking spectrum.

The experiments he has conducted are based on medical case histories which were loaded into a computer to simulate the human version of the wisdom of experience.

The software, he said, also is designed so that the computer, based on its "experience," can make guesses as well as respond when the data clearly provides an answer.

"What makes a human expert really expert is the ability to speculate," Gelernter said. "In our research, the computer is able, with speculation, to turn up with guesses that turn out to be right guesses."

"This covers only a very, very narrow portion of the spectrum, but it solves a problem and in a way that no other AI programme currently does," Gelernter said.

The ultimate would be a computer that, based on its experiences, can then be empathetic and understanding. But Gelernter said that is simply asking too much.

"I think we'll be able to make a computer that looks to us as if it were understanding, that fakes it very well," he said. "But when we get down to the question, is there real understanding present, we will have to concede that there isn't."

(Reuters)

Russia suspends troop pullout from Estonia

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia has suspended the withdrawal of its remaining 2,000 soldiers in Estonia and reiterated its demand that the Baltic nation not discriminate against ethnic Russians, a leading general told the ITAR-Tass news agency in a report yesterday.

Gen. Mikhail Kolesnikov, chief of the Russian army general staff, said there would be no pullout of troops or equipment over the next several days despite a previously approved withdrawal plan. The general said the orders came from

President Boris Yeltsin.

Yeltsin declared Wednesday that Russian troops would remain in Estonia until the rights of some 300,000 Russians living there were recognized.

However, the Russian army continued to withdraw from Estonia on Thursday and Friday, and Estonian officials said they were getting mixed signals from Russia about the status of the pullout.

Estonia has demanded that all Russian troops leave its soil by Aug. 31, the same date that Rus-

sia agreed to withdraw its troops from neighboring Latvia. Russia already has pulled out completely from the Baltic state of Lithuania.

The suspension of the troop withdrawal is sure to annoy the Estonians. But when asked what might happen next, Vello Vare, an Estonian foreign ministry official who is monitoring the troop pullout, said Friday, "I don't know how or if this will affect things."

Sudanese government declares cease-fire in south

KHARTOUM (AP) — The Sudan government declared a unilateral cease-fire starting yesterday in its 11-year war with southern rebels, but a rebel spokesman said the move is a sham.

It was the 24th such declaration by the government since Lt. Gen. Omar el-Bashir came to power in a June 1989 coup.

The truce, announced over state-run radio and television on Friday, was to take effect at midnight yesterday.

Sudan's army recently gained control of major southern towns, but extending the campaign into rural areas would be difficult.

However, Stephen Wondou, a

spokesman for the rebel faction led by the insurgents' founder John Garang, yesterday dismissed the cease-fire announcement and said the army was continuing an assault on Nimule, a rebel-held town near the Uganda border.

"The announcement was a sham intended to deceive the mediators and the international community," Wondou said in Nairobi, Kenya.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been killed in the civil war between the Islamic government in the traditionally dominant Arab north and rebels in the largely Christian and animist south.

Six Moslems killed in Pakistani bus attack

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"It was a nightmare," he said. "I saw three motorcycles pull up beside us. They started shooting. I heard an explosion. Everyone was screaming."

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Karachi with his screaming passengers to escape the gunmen, Ahmed said. The ride ended at a Shiite-run hospital.

No one claimed responsibility for the shooting, but witnesses blamed militant Sunni Moslems. Most of Pakistan's 120 million people are Sunni Moslems.

Hundreds of demonstrators, beating their chests and wailing, gathered outside the hospital. In largely Shiite neighborhoods, protesters burned tires and cars and fired into the air to protest the slayings.

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Haredim especially dedicated to MDA work

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

ABRAHAM Halbersberg can press a button in his small Jerusalem office and, within 15 minutes, 10 haredim men will race in.

He is not in charge of a synagogue *minyán*, but of Magen David Adom's Jerusalem region. Religious Jews constitute 85 percent of the 300 adult volunteers at the station, and haredim comprise three-quarters of those.

Religious Jews, says Halbersberg (who is not one himself), are an excellent source of volunteers for MDA. "The reason is that they are always within reach; if they're not at home or work, they're at the yeshiva or the synagogue."

A decade or two ago, religious Jerusalemites comprised only a minority of MDA volunteers. But more recently, arrangements were made to make them feel comfortable in the job. "For example, no women are on duty when they're here, at night," says Halbersberg. "But, of course, whenever they need to treat a woman who is ill or injured, they go ahead and do so. Saving lives is more important than the rules of modesty."

Some of the religious volunteers have emergency beepers, while others are rounded up by word of mouth in synagogue or yeshiva or by phone.

They ordinarily work as ambulance drivers, medics and blood collectors on weekdays, but if they are needed in a real emergency on Shabbat or holidays, they don't hesitate, says the MDA branch director.

"They come, even on Yom Kippur if required," says Halbersberg.

The location of the MDA station — in Rehov Hamem-Gimmel on the edge of the increasingly religious Romema quarter — also contributes to the fact that most of the adult volunteers are observant.

Halbersberg would like too see more secular Jerusalemites volunteer for weekend duty, as religious Jews prefer not to man those slots



Religious Jews make up 85% of the 300 adult volunteers at Jerusalem's MDA station.

(Jacqueline Arad/Media Images)

unless it's absolutely necessary. He would also be pleased to have additional Arab volunteers.

MDA Jerusalem — which encompasses the municipal boundaries and environs from Beit Shemesh and Ma'aleh Adomim to Jewish settlements in the Jordan Rift and Gush Etzion — has two dozen ambulances and two mobile intensive-care units.

The first-aid, ambulance and blood-supply organization suffered serious blows to its image in recent years.

There were a number of strikes and protests following the Health Ministry's orders to institute a painful recovery program. Dozens

of staffers were dismissed, and MDA operations were reduced — although management insists that efficiency measures did not endanger lives.

Then a number of private resuscitation and heart-monitoring services opened up in competition with MDA — although they charge hefty fees and do not treat road-accident victims.

Nevertheless, MDA continues to attract dedicated, altruistic volunteers. If there is one thing the branch director has enough of, it's teenagers who want to help. "We have 300 of them every year. They're wonderful, but we can't use any more."

MDA Jerusalem runs 50-hour first-aid courses for teenagers aged 15 to 18; graduates accompany ambulance drivers and paramedics on their rounds and help provide first aid. They're on duty afternoons after school and in school holidays.

If Adi Zahavi's parents want to "punish" him, all they have to do is prevent him from spending an afternoon on duty at the Magen David Adom station in Jerusalem.

"It's more important than watching TV, going out with friends, even doing schoolwork or eating," says the 17-year-old Mevaseret Zion resident. "Being an MDA volunteer is a very impor-

tant part of my life. If I don't feel like getting out of bed in the morning, all my parents have to do is say that somebody from MDA is on the phone."

"MDA is really like family for me," says Zahavi. "My father is a paramedic, my brother took an ambulance driver's course, and my mother was an MDA volunteer." So his parents really don't object too much when he runs to the station when the last bell rings in high school. "They know I'm doing something really important, and my skills can save somebody's life."

Noa Rechtman, a 17-year-old resident of the Rehavia neighbor-

hood, has been volunteering at the station for nearly two years.

"My friends say I'm crazy for spending so much time at something without getting paid for it," Rechtman says. "But I think at least some of them are jealous. They regard me and other MDA volunteers as medical experts and come to us with questions about health."

At first, running around in ambulances and seeing victims of road accidents, terror attacks, heart attacks and other tragic circumstances was shocking and unpleasant.

"The first time, especially if it's a child who is hurt and there's a lot of blood, you almost go into shock yourself," says Rechtman. "But you quickly learn to separate yourself emotionally from the situation and do the best you can. I don't have nightmares about what I see on duty. It doesn't affect me."

The volunteers are cool-headed; two boys even helped to deliver a baby.

"I get a lot of satisfaction," says Oren Raz, an 18-year-old volunteer from the settlement of Kochav Hashahar. "Whenever I hear an ambulance siren anywhere, I immediately look around to see if I'm needed."

Elisha Borosh, a volunteer who lives in the religious neighborhood of Bayit Vegan, says helping the injured and sick is regarded as a great mitzva, so he has no trouble getting parental permission for spending time at MDA.

Raz adds that some volunteers are so keen to help that they buy first-aid equipment with their own money and take it along to school in case somebody is injured and needs help.

The teenagers develop a maturity beyond their years after only a few months of working at MDA. For some, the volunteer work develops into a career choice.

Borosh and some of the other volunteers would like to work as medics in the army, and some are considering work as MDA staffers or other health professionals as a career.

Psoriasis treatment discovery

POST HEALTH REPORTER

A depilatory cream developed over 30 years ago and adapted for other uses has been found unusually effective in quickly removing the scales of psoriasis and preparing the skin for dermatological treatment.

Tested at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital and New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital, the cream has worked well without any side effects in psoriasis patients.

The man who developed it and two years ago received a US patent on it is now looking for the right local or foreign pharmaceutical firm to manufacture it.

"All our research shows it is a breakthrough. It does not cure psoriasis, but by rapidly removing the scales from the skin, it allows for better treatment using conventional techniques," says its developer, Tel Aviv pharmaceutical research consultant Ernst Braun.

Called D-Scale Prep, the cream is based on his previous invention, a depilatory called Surgex that removes body hair before surgery.

Braun worked for 15 years on the formula to adapt it to the removal of psoriasis scales. "We found that when applied to the scales, they could be removed easily — leaving the skin smooth underneath — in just 15 minutes."

Dr. Anatol Krakowsky, chief of dermatology at Ichilov Hospital for 25 years until 1989, conducted controlled trials using the cream and was amazed by the results.

"It's not a drug," he emphasizes. "It's a cosmetic preparation that allows dermatologists to proceed with conventional drug and other treatments for psoriasis."

Dr. Mark Lebwohl, director of clinical dermatology at Mt. Sinai, says "there is no question D-Scale Prep is beneficial for psoriasis."

If Braun finds the "right" company to manufacture D-Scale Prep, it could be on the market within a year, he says.

Easy does it, when it comes to toilet training

Rx FOR READERS

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

OUR three-and-a-half-year-old daughter — our fourth child — is normal, healthy and happy. We have just one problem: She refuses to sit on the toilet or a potty to defecate. For nearly a year, she has been going without any problem to the toilet to urinate, but when she has to defecate, she insists on getting a diaper. She relieves herself immediately and then insists I take the diaper off.

I try not to press, even though I am tired of diapering, but it will be a problem in the fall in her nursery class. I'm afraid she'll hold it in and have constipation if I don't agree to diaper her. Should I offer her rewards? D.J., Ramat Gan.

Dr. Maya Lerman, chief psychologist of Beilinson Hospital and Geha Hospital in Petah Tikva, replies:

Your child may either be unusually stubborn and interested in power struggles with you, or she has some distant memory of something unpleasant connected to defecation. Toddlers usually finish urinating in their diaper before defecation, which takes more time and effort. They are sometimes afraid of feces.

I recommend that during the next six weeks, you ignore the problem altogether. Don't mention diapers or defecation or potties. If she asks for a diaper, put it on her naturally and without comment. Treat it as normal. Don't let her sisters and brothers or anyone else in the family comment on her being a "baby with a diaper." Let her get dirty with sand or mud from time to time so "being dirty" won't upset her.

At the same time, you should bolster her confidence and her pride in being a big girl. Compliment her on dressing and eating by herself, or on making a nice drawing. Make her like being a big girl. But don't offer her prizes or threaten her. A parent can never win against a child regarding defecation; he or she can always hold it in and be constipated; other-

wise, the child can "punish" you with diarrhea.

In a few weeks, when she seems ready, suggest calmly that instead of doing it in a diaper, she should try a potty or the toilet. In most cases, after realizing that this is not a subject for power struggles with her parents, the child will go along.

If it doesn't work, you may best take her to a child psychologist who will play with her and try to discover the cause of the problem: stubbornness, an unpleasant memory or something else.

We have a two-year-old boy who has been a head-banger since he was a few months old. He generally bangs his head at night against his mattress when he's having trouble sleeping, but will sometimes do it during the day when he's frustrated or bored, banging against his hand or a sofa. He also likes to rock back and forth.

He's bruised his head on occasion, but otherwise seems no worse for wear and he's a very happy and pleasant child. Should we be concerned about this behavior? R.Y., Jerusalem.

Dr. Pessah Ben-Horin, a child psychologist in Jerusalem, replies:

There are no official statistics, but I would suspect that 3 or 4 percent of young children show symptoms of head-banging or rocking. It is known in the literature, but is regarded as abnormal behavior.

Many psychologists suggest that the behavior is caused by stress. The child bangs his head, just as a tense adult paces back and forth in a room. Other children may suck their thumb to relieve this stress. Some Freudians claim it is early autoerotic behavior that provides self-stimulation, like masturbation.

I am inclined to see the problem, at this age, as the result of stress in the home. If it continues, it can become a habit.

Some children can't fall asleep without holding their parent's hand; yours apparently rocks and bangs his head as a ritual. It could develop



There's no need to panic if your child doesn't want to toilet-train. (Israel Talby)

into a full-scale temper tantrum.

To diagnose the cause, one must look at the entire picture. The child may be acting as he does as a manipulative measure, to force his parents to hug him.

Parents in your situation tend to blame themselves for such behavior. While this is certainly not always the case, I would recommend that you urgently take your child to a psychologist who specializes in young children.

The head banging and rocking may be only two symptoms of a more complex problem. The psychologist will be able to identify the cause and advise you on how to bring this behavior to a halt.

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Obstetrics conference long overdue

POST HEALTH REPORTER

IT seems incredible that, before the first week in July, there had never been an international congress on labor and delivery.

Even the man who finally organized the long-overdue event, which drew 1,000 experts to Jerusalem, is puzzled by this oversight.

"I really can't explain why no one devoted a world congress to this interdisciplinary subject," said Prof. Daniel Weinstein, head of the obstetrics division at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, who spent three years organizing the event.

There have been many specialized conferences on aspects of obstetrics and neonatology, but for the first time, this gathering brought together a wide variety of experts — from anesthesiologists and midwives to neonatologists and obstetricians — and the subject matter was as in-depth as it was broad.

One expert whose absence was particularly notable was Dr. Fathi Arafat, a close friend of Weinstein's and president of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society. Dr. Arafat, a Cairo-based pediatrician, has built 70 hospitals and places a strong emphasis on obstetrics.

Some explained his absence as a reluctance to upstage his elder brother, PLO chief Yasser Arafat, by coming to Jerusalem first, or suggested that, looking so much like Yasser, he might be afraid of assassination.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society — despite Dr. Arafat's absence — agreed to help Weinstein found an international society on obstetrics and delivery, which will aim at reducing the mortality and morbidity rates among women and their babies in the Third World.

Tens of thousands of women around the world die in childbirth each year, and hundreds of thousands of babies die before their first birthday. Weinstein, who was elected first president of the International Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, explained that mortality rates are lowest in those areas with the highest proportion of medical professionals.

The society intends to adopt a town, village or hospital in the developing world and raise money and recruit volunteers to send there. By concentrating medical professionals and high-tech equipment in one area, Weinstein is certain that the death and disease rate can be reduced significantly.

THROUGHOUT THE Third World, the birth professional most commonly present at delivery is the midwife. Margaret Peters of Australia is the director of the International Confederation of Midwives, with a worldwide membership of 200,000 midwives.

"Midwife" means "with women," Peters notes, and indeed less than 1 percent of the membership are men. There was only one male midwife — from Holland — present at the conference.

Although the ancient profession of midwifery has been denigrated for much of the 20th century in the developed world, it is now coming back into fashion. This, Peters says, is due to the growing costs of hospitalization. Having a midwife with a mother during delivery is less costly than having an obstetrician there full time.

Traditionally, there have been tensions between obstetricians (mostly men) and the lower-paid midwives. But Peters says that clear divisions have now been established: The midwives handle

what appear to be low-risk pregnancies, while the obstetricians deal with high-risk pregnancies, though even then they may not be present throughout the labor and delivery.

Among the controversial issues discussed during hundreds of lectures were: whether delivery under water is risky; when to allow a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean; whether high-tech monitors and frequent ultrasound scans are desirable; and if having a sixth, seventh or eighth child is riskier than having the first or second.

Among the new developments discussed and exhibited which have been shown to reduce complications during delivery is the pulse oxymetry. This is a device with a probe, which is attached to the baby's head just before it emerges from the birth canal. The continuous measurement of arterial oxygen saturation and fetal heart rate will immediately indicate if the baby is in distress.

Although there was a disconcerting number of smokers in the lobby during breaks in lectures, there was no disagreement about the risks of smoking during pregnancy.

A study by doctors from Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem and the Stanford University School of Medicine in California found that babies born to nonsmoking women exposed to passive smoking (sidestream smoke) during pregnancy showed significantly lower IQ scores at 17 years of age compared with those babies born to mothers who had not been exposed.

They concluded that fetal exposure to passive smoking can have a significant long-term effect on cognitive achievements in late adolescence.

Pediatric residents are round-the-clock specialists

HEALTH SCAN

POST HEALTH REPORTER

EVERY hospital resident has circles under his or her eyes from lack of sleep, but some get much less sleep than others. In some hospitals, administrators refuse to let those who worked 24 hours straight go home to sleep; others insist on it.

Drs. Asher Moser and Oz Martin of the pediatrics and social medicine department at the Hadassah-University Hospital surveyed pediatrics residents at 17 local hospitals. The results of their telephone survey were published in the latest issue of *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association, and should be read carefully by hospital administrators and Health Ministry officials.

In 12 of the 17 hospitals, residents work for more than 24 hours at a time. In five of them, the pediatrics department chairman has issued an order barring residents from taking off the day after they do the night shift (except for Shabbat).

In seven hospitals, residents who do a night shift are required to attend morning meetings and do other chores, but they're allowed to go home early. However,

in the five hospitals where work is not permitted beyond 24 hours at a stretch, arrangements are made so that other residents replace colleagues who worked all night.

The average pediatrics resident must do nearly seven night shifts per month, with an average work week of 72.8 hours. Residents fill 87 percent of the night-shift slots, while full-fledged, in-house pediatric specialists are on night duty only 2 percent of the time.

These figures are similar to common practice in New York, for example, but there, residency lasts only three years, compared with four and a half years here.

The authors argue that round-the-clock duty is not only hard on young physicians and their families, but can also reduce their ability to grapple with life-threatening emergencies.

"It is worthwhile for the medical establishment to decry and root out this norm for the safety of patients and the physical and mental well-being of doctors, and this

can be implemented [only] through a clear policy from the Health Ministry, hospital administrators and department chairmen."

ELECTRONIC BABY TAGGING British hospitals, fearful that a rash of baby snatchings may spread, have begun installing electronic tagging systems in neonatal departments. The first to introduce the nearly foolproof technique was Edinburgh's Simpson Memorial Hospital.

A few weeks earlier, a four-hour-old baby was kidnapped from Nottingham Hospital in central England by a woman dressed in a nurse's blue uniform.

Under the system, a tag the size of a postage stamp carrying an electronic code is attached to a baby's wrist or ankle. Alarms are activated as soon as the tag is taken out of the ward.

Our Health Ministry recently introduced new guidelines to try to prevent baby snatchings in hos-

pitals. No one is allowed to take a baby or child out of the hospital without identifying himself as the child's parent or guardian.

The head of the ministry's medical division, Dr. Yitzhak Berlovich, was asked about the possibility of introducing the electronic tagging system here. He said the matter was investigated, but found to be "too expensive," and in any case, the incidence of baby snatching is very rare here.

NEW YORK, NEW MALARIA

In addition to all its urban ills, New York City has reported the first cases in more than four decades of malaria, contracted from local mosquitoes. As a result, health officials have begun to trap mosquitoes in town and test them for the disease. Malaria was eradicated in the US during the 1940s and early 1950s, according to health officials at the Centers for Disease Control.

The patients, who live in the borough of Queens, had never been outside the US. Two other cases, reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, were identified in New Jersey three years ago.

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Prudence, and Pollard too

AS Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres depart for the meeting with King Hussein in the White House, there is virtually no dissent in Israel on the usefulness of the trip. There is a national consensus on peace with Jordan, or—to be more accurate—on the desirability of converting a de facto state of nonbelligerency into a formal treaty. And though no one expects the first public meeting between an Israeli prime minister and the Jordanian monarch to result in such a treaty at once, the general assumption is that the meeting is the first step in that direction.

Most Israelis also assume that a formal peace with Jordan entails little in the way of Israeli concessions. The strips of land Jordan is demanding, although larger than the whole Gaza District, are not deemed important either strategically or economically. It is thought, too, that Jordanian demands for water can be met without endangering Israel's supplies. And Hussein's ambition to have control over the Jerusalem mosques is deemed far less threatening than Yasser Arafat's demand for a Palestinian capital in Jerusalem.

But it would be a mistake to treat Jordan's claims as trivial. First, it is not at all certain that all the territories Jordan wants are beyond Israel's international boundary, nor is it clear Israel is not entitled to them even if they are. The aggressor in the wars between the two countries was, after all, Jordan. That the Jordanians have already published maps showing these lands as annexed to Jordan is hardly encouraging, particularly since Peres has announced that even hawkish like MK Ariel Sharon would be satisfied with the new border adjustments. It is to be hoped that the protest against these maps lodged by Foreign Ministry Deputy Director-General Eitan Bentsur means that the negotiations have yet to begin, and that Israel has not forfeited the lands in advance.

Nor should Israel budge from its present position on water. While water projects that can benefit both countries are desirable, Israel owes Jordan nothing for unrealistic past projects. It would be a travesty of justice and fairness if Israel had to pay for Arab refusal to cooperate for the last 46 years.

It is perhaps natural that Hussein's willingness to meet publicly with Rabin has made him an object of adulation in Israel. But it may be prudent to remember that Hussein attacked Israel in 1967 and ordered his troops to kill every man, woman and child in their way. To excuse that attack and exonerate Hussein—as former ambassador to Egypt Moshe Sasson attempted to do yesterday—by saying that Hussein had been misled by Egyptian dictator Gamal Abdul Nasser into believing the Arabs were winning, is to give sycophancy a bad name. Nor should Israel forget that the very same Western-oriented Hussein identified with Saddam Hussein and the fanatic Jordanian fundamentalists during the Gulf War, and that Jordan helped Iraq in that war more than any country.

The very fact that the US is asking Israel to make concessions to Jordan because the king is

weak and his regime needs bolstering should give Israel pause. Governments cannot afford to think only of immediate consequences. If the Hashemite court is weak now, there is no telling what will happen when the popular king departs the scene—particularly if a Palestinian entity claims the allegiance of Jordan's Palestinian population. Concessions to a gentlemanly monarch now may come to haunt Israel if Palestinian radicals or Islamic fundamentalists come to rule in Amman.

This does not mean, of course, that Israel should not use the new Jordanian openness to collaborate with Amman on trade and tourism, even before a peace treaty is signed. Free movement of Israelis in Jordan may serve to remove prejudices and antagonisms; open commercial ties may improve the Jordanian economy and reduce the impact of fundamental fanaticism, and contact with Israelis may encourage democratic inclinations among the kingdom's intelligentsia. The planned Amman-Akaba-Eilat-Sinai road is a welcome first step in this direction.

Hussein has made it clear that there is a price for normalization moves with Israel. In addition to Israeli concessions, he has secured American commitments for economic aid and military assistance. Israel, eager for recognition, has not publicly made any demands. As one commentator has put it, the government's policy used to be "land for peace," now it is "land for handshakes."

There is some talk of asking Washington to foot the bill for the agricultural lands Israel intends to relinquish in the Arava and Jordan Valley. But it would be a shame if Rabin and Peres fail to use this opportunity to ask for at least one American gesture—the release of Jonathan Pollard. If Secretary of State Warren Christopher truly believes that the days of war between Arabs and Israelis are over, the Pollard chapter, a direct consequence of that war, should be closed.

Pollard committed a crime for which he had to pay, but he spied for Israel because he believed, correctly, that the US was not living up to its obligation to provide Israel with pertinent intelligence information. Spying for an ally, he did not commit treason or endanger the US in any way, nor was he ever charged with such crimes. As the arrest and investigation of super-spy Aldrich Ames, who betrayed his country for the Soviet Union, has made clear, reports that material transferred by Pollard to Israel reached Soviet hands were part of a vicious disinformation campaign.

Spies everywhere are enjoying the fruits of a new atmosphere. FBI agent Richard Miller, who did commit treason by spying for the USSR, has been freed after serving a small portion of his 20-year sentence. Israel has released an Israeli officer convicted of spying for the US. But Pollard is still serving the longest sentence ever imposed on anyone charged with a similar offense in the history of the United States. It is time Israel made an official request to end his incarceration, and there can be no better opportunity to do so than the meeting in the White House, signaling the end of the era of strife in the Middle East.

A new Haim at the Histadrut



Don't bet on it, Yasser

FEW doubt the assessment by Israeli intelligence that the PLO and Hamas share one aim: the ultimate destruction of the State of Israel.

In this context, it is worthwhile recalling what Dr. H. Sharabi, a Palestinian professor and one of the PLO's principal ideologues, wrote in 1972. The Palestinians, he said, would defeat Israel when they forged an alliance with the Israeli left, "breaking down the Zionist consensus."

The supposedly moderate Faisal Hussein seems to share this view. Last year, he indicated that the Palestinians should strive "to gradually dissolve Israeli existence" by breaking up its social structure.

Though the agreement between the government and the world's number one terrorist is now a reality, no amount of retroactive whitewashing applied to Yasser Arafat can change his movement's real character.

David Schoenbaum, professor of history at the University of Iowa, recently reflected in the *New York Times Book Review* (June 1993): "Why, from the 1930s to the 1990s, did they associate their cause with every 'tyrannical' loser from Berlin to Moscow to Baghdad?"

Prof. Amos Perlmutter of Washington's American University concurs in the summer issue of *Foreign Affairs*: "The PLO remains what it has always been—a loosely constructed terrorist-guerrilla-propaganda structure whose cohesiveness is based on loyalty to the man at the top."

Perlmutter predicts that the "territories" ruled by the PLO will probably evolve into "yet another authoritarian, inefficient, corrupt, praetorian Arab State—something the Middle East already has a surplus of."

One could add that, given the internecine rivalries among the Palestinians and among their various

ZALMAN SHOVAL

patrons in the Arab world, such a state will probably make Bosnia seem like an island of tranquility. All this on Israel's (and Jordan's) doorstep.

On the practical plane, it has become increasingly clear that by raising Arafat from political oblivion and financial bankruptcy and then

Rabin ought to spell it out to Arafat: Jerusalem will never be his

anointing him "sole leader of all the Palestinians," the government has foolishly painted itself into a corner from which it cannot easily escape.

This being the case, the wily Arafat cannot be blamed for trying to demand more and more from Israel's negotiators; for now that Israel has declared it recognizes him as the only legitimate Palestinian leader, who else is it going to negotiate with?

NOW THAT he has established his political (and to a certain extent, military) bridgehead in Gaza and Jericho, Arafat isn't keeping his plan to make Jerusalem his next target a secret.

Those, including the government and its American supporters, who had hoped that Arafat's speeches in Gaza, Jericho and Paris would go some way to mitigate the bad impression left by his notorious Johannesburg speech, were disappointed again. Not only didn't he repent, he again specifically mentioned his designs on Jerusalem.

The PLO leader's plan to "come

and pray" on the Temple Mount is but a thinly veiled ploy to strike his political claims on Israel's capital. Arafat's schemes have nothing to do with freedom of worship.

All Israeli governments have agreed to leave the Temple Mount and its mosques to the de facto administration of Arab-Muslim religious authorities—thus consciously restricting the right of Jews to pray on what in ages past was the very focus of the Jewish religious and national ethos—all in order to prevent increased political tension.

In retrospect, this policy has proved correct, and it should be continued.

Since Jerusalem was reunited in 1967, all denominations have enjoyed complete religious freedom. And once a permanent settlement with the Palestinians and the Arab states is reached, one could imagine additional arrangements assuring the Moslems and the various Christian sects an enhanced measure of control over their holy sites, based on legal agreements.

Over the past few years, the Palestinians have been very successful in creating the false perception of an "Arab" Jerusalem—in spite of the fact that there has never been a Palestinian or Arab political entity whose capital was Jerusalem, and that over 140 years ago Jews were in the plurality, even in East Jerusalem.

The Jewish population currently constitutes an absolute majority not only in Jerusalem as a whole, but also in the formerly Jordanian-occupied eastern part of the city which the Palestinians want to annex as their capital.

Yitzhak Rabin's commitment to Jerusalem remaining the united capital of the State of Israel is not in doubt. Nevertheless, he should make it very clear to Arafat: Jerusalem will never be his.

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Just-so dogs

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

AS IAS, not many British dukes are bred as sheep-herd's dogs. Even fewer dukes are bred for accomplishment. "Dogs," said McCaig, *Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men*.

The dumbing of America has gone far enough. Yes, we have gotten used to falling SAT scores for college entry, coming dead last in international math comparisons, high schoolers who cannot locate the Civil War to the nearest half-century. But we have got to draw the line somewhere. I say we draw it at dogs.

Last month, the American Kennel Club (AKC), the politich of American dog breeding, decided to turn the world's smartest dog, the border collie, into a moron. Actually, it voted 11-1 to begin proceedings to turn it into a dumb dog, which will amount to the same thing. A dog bred for 200 years exclusively for smarts will now be bred for looks. Its tail, its coat, its ears, its bite, its size will have to be just so. That its brains will likely turn to mush is of no consequence.

What is the border collie? A breed developed in the border country between England and Scotland for one thing only: its

Bred beautiful, bred dumb

ability to herd sheep—though if necessary, it can work cattle or hogs, or even turkeys. (Our border collie, deprived of such gainful employment, likes to swim out to the middle of a pond and herd ducks.)

It is a creature of uncanny intelligence and a jaw-dropping capacity to communicate with humans. It can herd 300 sheep at a time at a distance of a mile and a half from its shepherd. It is, testifies Baxter Black (National Public Radio's "cowboy poet, philosopher and former large-animal veterinarian"), "one of the greatest genetic creations on the face of the earth."

Now it faces genetic ruin. When bred for looks, great swaths of the border collie population, which comes in all shapes and sizes, will be condemned to genetic oblivion.

It would be nice to breed for beauty and brains, but history and genetics teach that the confluence of the two is as rare in dogs as it is in humans. Inbreeding in the pursuit of manmade standards of beauty has reduced other breeds to ruin.

In the 1950s, writes Mark Derr in *The Atlantic Monthly*, show people turned the German shepherd into a weak-kneed animal with a foul temper and bizarre downward-sloping hindquarters. The cocker spaniel lost its ability to hunt. The bulldog and the Boston terrier have been given such exaggerated heads that the females regularly need C-sections to give birth. As for the AKC's Irish setters, says veterinarian Michael W. Fox, "they're so dumb they get lost on the end of their leash."

THE GENETICS behind such sad stories is straightforward. "In genetics, selection for one trait usually comes at the expense of another," explains Jasper Rine, professor of genetics and former director of the Human Genome Center at the Lawrence Berkeley Labs. "The notion that one could achieve a standard conformation for the border collies and maintain their working qualities is simply foolish." Which is why the border collie people are proud to see to keep the AKC's snout from under their tent.

Why should anyone else care? Well, a society that grieves for the accidental demise of the snail darter and the spotted owl—which apt one in a million Americans has ever seen—should not easily acquiesce to the deliberate destruction of a unique breed of animals whose fate is so intimately entwined with man's.

"Border collies: Are they truly smarter than a chimpanzee?" asks Baxter Black. "Can they change course in midair, drag Nell from the tracks and locate missing microchips? Yes, I believe they can. They are the best of the best."

And for those who find such fascination with dogs self-indulgent sentimentalism, who care is little for the border collie as they do for the snail darter, consider this: In a world of rising crime and falling standards, of broken cities and failing schools, the border collie is one of the few things that works. Must we ruin this too? Reduce it to ineffectuality in the name of pretentiousness?

In the short interval of calm between our latest capitulation to North Korea and our invasion of Haiti, it is worth pondering this small but telling domestic folly. Face it: Our kids are not going to beat the South Koreans at math for decades. But we can still produce a thinking dog. For now.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Sir, — I am aware of the publicity being given recently in part of the Jewish press in the US in the matter of the Magen David Adom emergency services connected with the Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District. I deeply regret finding in that publicity a mixture of partial facts and distorted interpretation.

I consequently have to put it very clearly:

1. Magen David Adom, with the full backing of the Ministry of Health, is operating a fleet of 73 fully equipped standard ambulances deployed in the territories. Prior to being handed to the settlements, these ambulances are refurbished by MDA so that they may serve most efficiently and professionally the needs of the local settlement inhabitants and any injured in the area—including those resulting from terror.

The ratio of MDA ambulances in the territories is one ambulance per 2,000 settlers, while the ratio in Israel/Green Line is only one ambulance per 19,500 inhabitants. It is because of that much more intensive service in Israel/Green Line that Magen David Adom deploys the new ambulances in its 43 first-aid stations in Israel, while the 75 ambulances in the

territories are employed to respond to an average of one to two calls per day.

2. Magen David Adom ambulances and mobile intensive-care units are definitely crossing, on a current basis and whenever called to do so, the Green Line to back up the ambulance fleet in the territories—with army escort or without it. In some cases our mobile intensive-care units, when called upon by the settlements to intervene, cross the Green Line and meet en route the settlement's ambulance, with the patient and take over with advanced treatment and evacuation to the hospital. It is slanderous and simply defamatory to state that MDA ambulances do not cross the Green Line to assist the settlers in the territories.

3. You may be interested to know that the new minister of health has authorized setting up of two special emergency dispatching posts for MDA ambulances—in Israel and in Kiryat Arba.

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Chairman, Executive Committee
and Acting Director General,
Magen David Adom in Israel
New York.

STUPID COMMENTS

Sir, — South Africa's new defense minister, Joe Modise, has made some remarkably stupid comments about Israel lately. The issue isn't whether or not apartheid South Africa and Israel collaborated over military and nuclear programs. Of course they did. The issue is that such cooperation was a political necessity in an era when both were isolated by the world community.

Politics is a dirty game. So Israel hung out with unpleasant regimes. What Modise forgets is that his African National Congress too was forced into relationships with some of the planet's less palatable characters—in Moscow, Tripoli and Havana, for example.

Modise's comparison of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians with the

IRRITATING SITUATION

Sir, — I am a fairly frequent flier, and a constant user of the facilities at the Sde Dov airport, and while the service generally is both pleasant and relatively efficient, there is one very disturbing factor, which I wish to bring to the attention of your readers. There is a complete breach of the "no smoking" law, and it applies to both the personnel in the waiting areas, the kiosk staff in particular, and the general public which uses the waiting-area facilities.

On Saturday evening, June 25, I was waiting for my flight to Kiryat Shmona, and next to the kiosk, a young lady was sitting under the "no smoking" sign, puffing away on a cigarette. I ordered some food at the kiosk and to my revulsion, the worker preparing and serving the food was smoking. I asked him to stop, as I didn't want ashes on my food, nor the smell of the cigarette. During the course of the next 20 minutes or so, a total of five other people sat and smoked in that same reception area, all clearly marked with no smoking signs.

I travel back and forth about once a week, and this is what we are subjected to on a regular basis. The law is constantly being broken, and it is only because of the apathy of most people that more fuss is not made. Kfir Giladi. LIONEL GEFFEN

TWISTED TRUTH

Sir, — Arafat is appealing to the seven rich countries to help him, or else he says he cannot make peace. He claims that the Arab infrastructure in the autonomous areas has been completely destroyed by the occupation and that he has to start from zero for everything from water to drainage, hospitals, schools, streets, etc.

Will someone inform an unsuspecting world how the Palestinians lived before the "occupation," and that all they have now has been achieved since the occupation. This won't change anything, but such a twisting of the truth boggles the mind. NAOMI FEINSTEIN
Netanya.

Bad blood in the system

AN orthopedic surgeon at Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital died recently from an AIDS-related illness. Another surgeon at Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera was found to be HIV-infected. What is the risk in the health-care setting?

So far, no patient in Israel has been known to be infected by a doctor—but to date there has been no survey of HIV/AIDS in invasive health-care workers to determine what risk they may be posing to their patients.

Certainly, few will argue that the patient has the right to know if there is any risk of harm from a health-care provider, and vice versa. (The US has 8,000 health-care workers infected with AIDS, and 50,000 with HIV.)

Prof. Zvi Bentwich, an AIDS expert at Kaplan, says the risk of a patient contracting HIV from his doctor or nurse is "virtually nil." The Health Ministry's AIDS steering committee and the Israel Medical Association have rejected recent proposals for legislation that would require all invasive health-care workers to be tested for HIV.

With so many reassuring expert views, why is there such national public concern?

The risk of HIV transmission in the invasive health-care setting is small but very real, and the results are definite and devastatingly lethal. But HIV transmission is totally avoidable by removing the infected health-care worker.

What is the risk? In 1991, the US Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimated the probability of an HIV-infected surgeon transmitting the virus to at least one patient during a seven-year period to be 8.1 percent, with a range of 1 to 18 percent among surgical specialties.

There has been one documented cluster of six patients who were

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infected from their dentist in Florida. Four patients in a dermatologist's surgery in Australia were recently cross-infected with HIV, presumably by contaminated surgical instruments. Children in a household and day care center setting in the US have been infected each other through cuts and abrasions. Over 4 percent of all HIV/AIDS

Suddenly, the specter of AIDS between doctor and patient

cases in the US (about 16,000 patients) have No Identifiable Risk (NIR) associated with their acquiring infections with AIDS virus. These NIR patients had no history of promiscuous or unprotected sex, no history of receiving blood or blood products, and an absence of childbirth or breast feeding. Seventy-nine of these NIR patients are children still alive under the age of 13.

IT IS my opinion that a small but significant number of these NIR patients acquired HIV/AIDS in the invasive health-care setting. In addition, 50 health-care workers in the US, not associated with any risk factors, have been documented as having received AIDS from their patients during invasive procedures.

Clearly blood is a two-way street, and the AIDS virus behaves just like every other blood-borne virus, except that it is less infectious and uniformly lethal. Unfortunately, Israeli public health authorities continue to

treat HIV/AIDS as a civil rights issue instead of a public health problem.

The solution to the problem of AIDS in Israel's health-care setting rests with the following proactive steps:

- All health-care professionals involved in invasive procedures should have mandatory testing for HIV and make their status known to their peers and their patients.

Patients can then exercise their right of informed consent to be treated by an HIV-infected health-care worker, knowing the small risk of HIV transmission involved, if they so desire.

All patients undergoing invasive procedures should be similarly HIV tested and the results be given in confidence to their doctor, who, while obligated to treat all patients, is also entitled to his or her right to know about the disease status of his or her patients.

- Health-care workers found to be HIV positive should also be offered non-invasive health positions by their employers, with appropriate job retraining and medical insurance and compensation for those infected directly from patients.

- HIV should be a universally reported disease in Israel, by name and in confidence, so partner notification, tracing and treatment can be carried out.

The primary dictum in medicine, agreed on by Hippocrates and Maimonides, is still *Primum non nocere*—First, do no harm.

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A review of commentary and humor from international press syndicates

David Nyhan

Pick Up the Phone, Bill

If they're lucky enough to get scooped up by the U.S. Coast Guard, the first thing the Haitian boat people see is an American tossing orange life jackets.

After that, it goes downhill. The first things handed up to the rescue vessel are the infants. Then the kids, then the women, then the men. All their rag bundles are searched. The knives get tossed overboard, along with anything that could be a weapon. Even the voodoo powder. It's a riveting experience.

"When they see us, they'll change into their best clothes," Coast Guardsman Kathy Hoyt told *The Washington Post*. "There's something sad about that too." She serves aboard the cutter *Dependable*, executing a Clinton policy on Haiti that is anything but.

When he came into power, I decided I was generally going to be for Big Bill from the Big

had the dry-run in May. Operation Agile Provider, they practiced taking an airport that looked an awful lot like the one at Port au Prince.

You've got everything you need right at you fingertips. Everything but the will. It's gut check time, sir. And I don't say this blithely. I've been against every invasion I can think of since the Korean War. Grenada? A joke, to cover up Reagan's distress at having 250 Marine blown up in Bel-rut. Panama? An elephant gun turned on a goat, all in the name of getting Noriega, a two-bit druggie. Operation Desert Storm? I didn't like that one bit.

But Haiti is different. It needs doing. Now. We cannot have thousands of boat people coming across the Windward Passage. A president who will not act to defend America's borders, who will not put a halt to savagery on our doorstep, who

"Invading Haiti, with the appropriate window-dressing of sufficient front-row black troops... could be a boon to the Clinton crowd."

Chill generation. Still am, mostly. Usually. But you cannot defend the indefensible for long — I can do it most times for a couple of months, maybe three, before reality intrudes — and it's time to hammer William on top of his hand-some hairdo for the dithering that kills Haitian innocents and shames America in the bargain.

We have to stop this. Now. No more Rhodes scholar, Renaissance Weekend, policy wonk blathering. Use the power to end the suffering. So long impotence, hello big stick. Cue the invasion, Bill. Pick up the phone.

Need some help making that fateful move, that will quite likely result in some American military casualties? Whistle up a video of the drowning people — 100, 150, what does the body count matter once you get into that range? Go over your briefing book: 200 people, in a 45-foot wooden sailboat, with what's left of their food, their vomit, their excrement and their families.

How many more? They keep on coming, siphoned into their pathetic coastal craft by the rumors, passed along by the illiterate, that if you just float out 12 miles, the United States rescues you, takes you to New York, buys you a taxicab and gives you welfare checks.

Crazy, sure; unrealistic, absolutely; doomed to failure, without a doubt. And the same could be said of your Haiti policy, William. All those brave words during the campaign, then the big 180 just before you got sworn in, and now the feeble execution of a succession of weak-kneed and mouthy policies. Enough.

You don't have enough ships, you don't have enough detention camps, you don't have enough other countries willing to absorb thousands of poor and illiterate peasants who might well wind up staying forever. Get on with it.

The 2,000 Marines aboard the USS *Inchon* who left recently, that's a start. But you know the Pentagon wants 40,000 men for the invasion. Two thousand and a handful of helicopters won't make much of a dent. When they

remains indifferent to the most heartrending images of suffering, is a president who does not merit our respect. Or, re-election.

Clinton is clearly a compassionate fellow; I just wish he were more decisive. He seems to govern in the sludge of self-doubt. But he politicked with still acid nerve and the kind of killer instinct we Democrats longed to see.

Let me put this in political terms: Invading Haiti, with the appropriate window-dressing of sufficient front-row black troops from our hemispheric allies — could be a boon to the Clinton crowd.

So the military and the Republicans are against it? Big deal. You're the president, buddy. Pick up that phone. We're going in. This month. When the weather, or the tide, or the sealift schedule permits. I want the top 50 Haitian troublemakers in irons. We'll sort out Aristide's future later. I want those boat people turned around, and get cracking.

Look what Clinton wins: a jolt of high-octane public approval at home. Heightened respect abroad. Silencing of the Warren-Christopher-must-go-but-Clinton's-the-real-problem brigade in the press corps. A huge boost in the mid-term election prospects, fueled by the rally-round-the-flag euphoria accompanying every demonstration of U.S. military might.

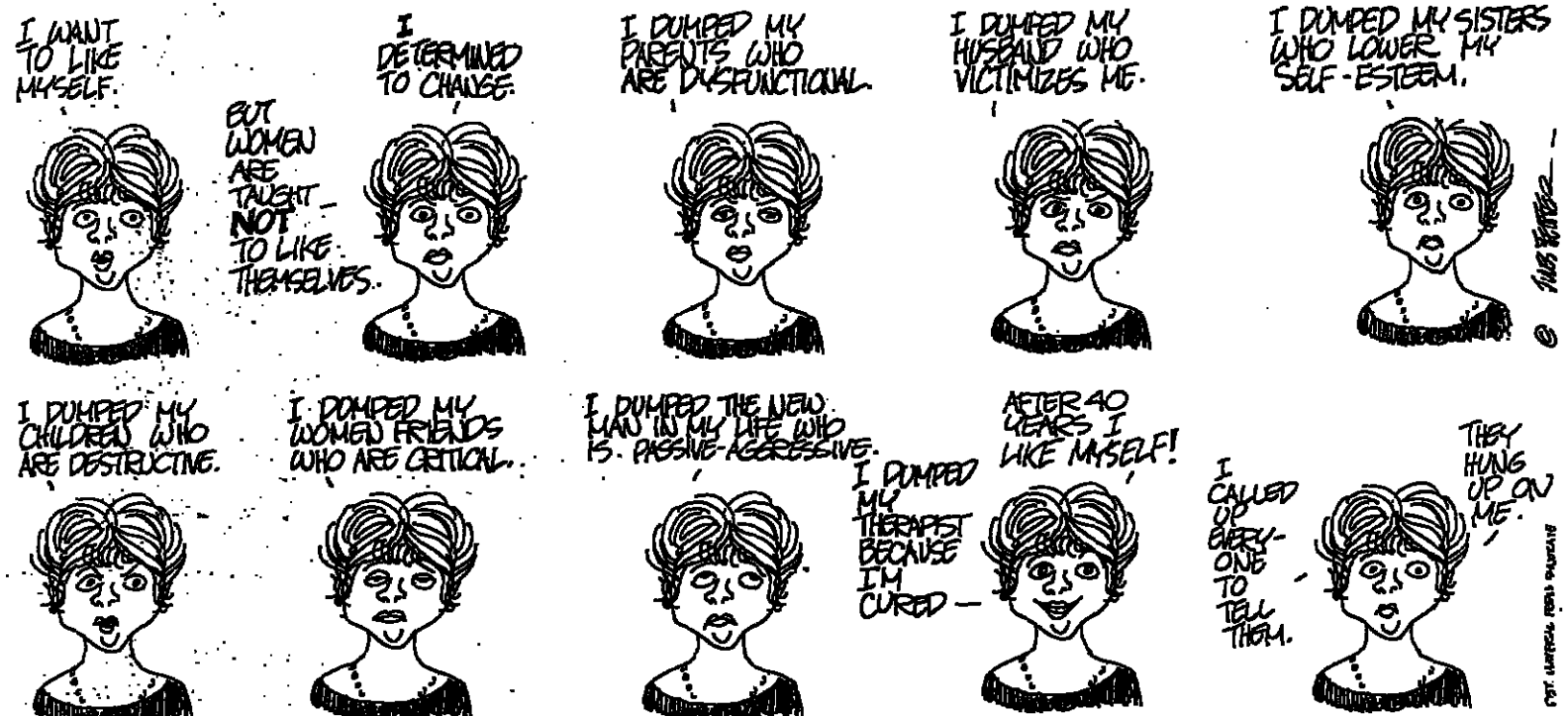
It also gives a rocket-launcher boost to the health insurance drive currently enshrined in Congress. A popular president could bludgeon the Republicans into accepting crucial concepts on health care.

No more late-night Clinton-the-lover-boy jibes. No October filled with GOP campaign ads harping on gays in the military, and Whitewater, and remember that \$200 haircut? Invade Haiti, Bill, and you change the whole political landscape.

Here's the clincher for the Clinton crowd: It melds Clinton's self-interest with something that desperately needs doing: saving the boat people. Bill: Do the right thing. Pick up that damn phone.

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Media Overload on O.J.

With television fixated on the O.J. Simpson story, we're awash in "news" broadcasts that are sensational, entertaining — and ultimately quite pointless. No matter how the story ends, our lives will go on unchanged.

But other news events can change our lives forever. These stories are often sensational — involving massive raids on our bank accounts — without sex or violence. Two new blockbuster reports have been virtually ignored by network TV during this O.J. summer. These scoops didn't result from parking a camera inside a courtroom. They were acquired through investigations by print journalists willing to fight their way through documents and official smoke screens.

That's how Richard Keil of Associated Press uncovered malfeasance at the Resolution Trust Corporation, the federal agency in charge of the savings-and-loan bailout — slated to cost generations of taxpayers several hundred billion dollars. Back in 1989, when Congress and the White House approved the S&L bailout, influential news outlets joined in a sigh of relief. "It provides substantial assurance," editorialized the *Washington Post*, "that this immensely expensive assault on the U.S. Treasury won't be repeated."

But five years later, that "assault on the U.S. Treasury" continues — with the help of the cleanup crew. As Keil reported in AP dispatches on July 10 and 11, the RTC is a big part of the problem. The agency has regularly sold off real estate from failed S&Ls at far below market value — to buyers who were able to quickly resell the properties at much higher prices. As usual, our tax dollars are subsidizing someone else's profit.

Keil unearthed many irregularities, including these:

* Last December, the RTC sold an Arizona property — once owned by convicted S&L operator Charles Keating — for \$875,000. "The same day, the buyer resold the parcel to other buyers for \$1.225 million, a one-day profit of 40 percent."

* In February 1993, the RTC sold a luxury office complex near Dallas to the owner of the Dallas Mavericks basketball team for \$22.6 million. The new owner has reportedly made a deal to resell the property for about \$36 million — a 59 percent return.

* In late 1991, the agency sold its interest in Keating's Phoenix hotel outside Phoenix to a Kuwaiti investment group, which later resold it to ITT-Sheraton at a profit. Taxpayers lost out to \$35 million on the deal.

Keil told us it took him six weeks to piece the story together, especially since the RTC was "totally unhelpful."

No TV network has yet contacted Keil about picking up the story, although it certainly offers the kind of "visuals" that television savors. Keil's description of the under-valued Phoenix hotel — "with its mother-of-pearl swimming pool tiles, gold ceiling inlays and marble columns" — sounds like a *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous* TV segment.

A second blockbuster story appeared on the *Wall Street Journal's* front page June 30. The report by Timothy Aepfel explained that the effort to "clean up" America's nuclear weapons complex — with 17 key plants and labs nationwide — has become a nightmare.

"The cost is expected to make the savings-and-loan bailout look like a bargain," Aepfel wrote. He quoted an Energy Department spokesman who said: "We're talking about an expenditure that will run into the hundreds of billions of dollars."

Savings-and-loan bailout a bargain! When we called Aepfel, he referred to the nuclear cleanup as "an unfundable item that has to be funded somehow."

Aepfel's article focused on the ill-fated "cleanup" of the Fernald uranium plant, located amid dairy farms near Cincinnati. "The slurry pond, where liquefied wastes were dumped over the years, was allowed to overflow regularly into a stream... Fernald's dust catchers were poorly monitored for many years, allowing radioactive dust into the air... Uranium had seeped into the groundwater, spreading contamination far beyond the factory gates."

If TV networks love horror stories, why have they missed this new one? It's got visuals straight out of *Toxic Avenger*.

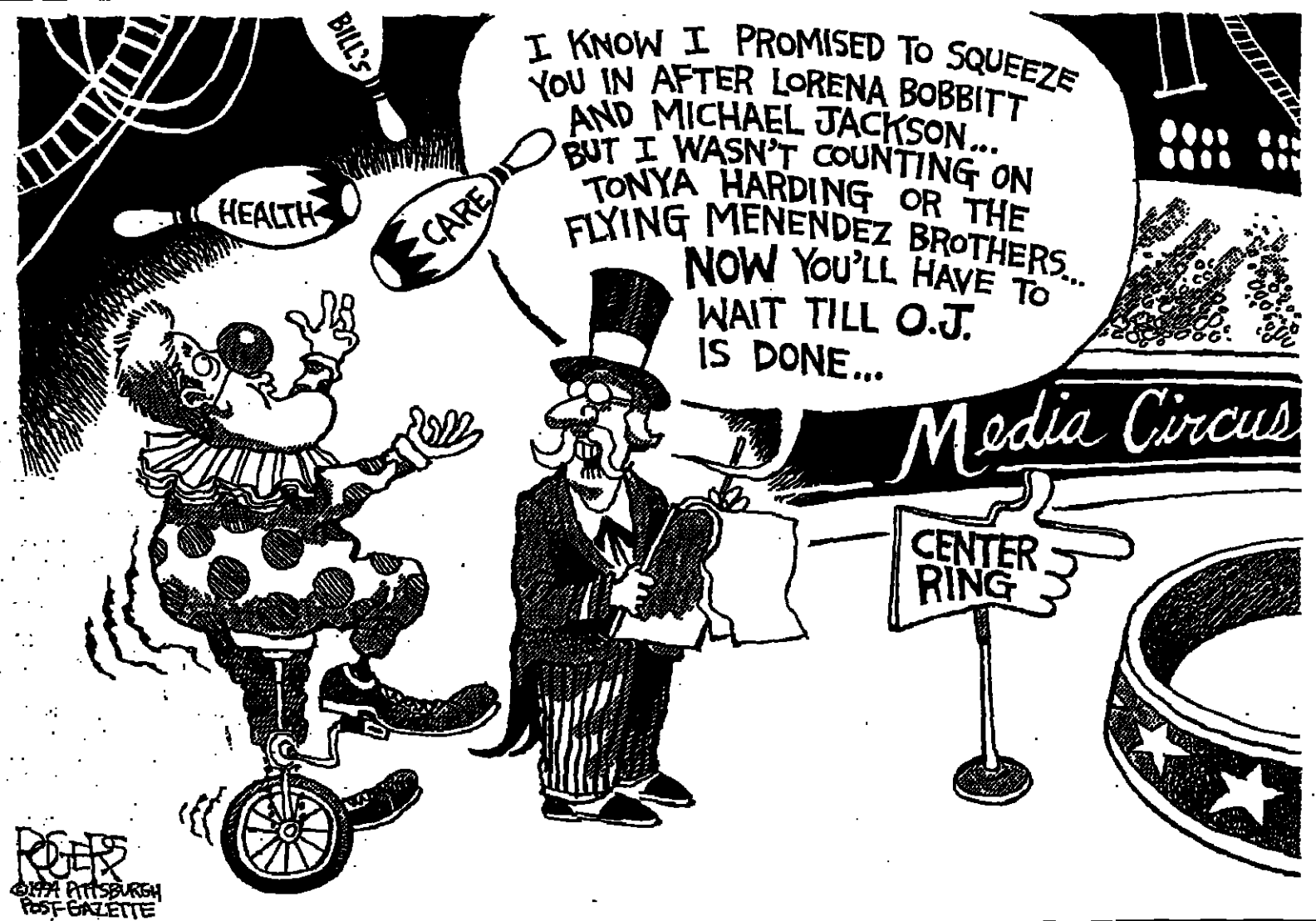
"Farther down the road," wrote Aepfel, "past Fernald's radioactive slurry pond, is the really nasty stuff: Two silos holding 9,700 tons of radioactive ooze... The silos are so deteriorated that workers long ago piled dirt around them to shore them up."

According to Aepfel, many other weapons plants are "in much worse shape than Fernald."

Aepfel's reporting is the kind that can inform action-minded citizens. They might begin by asking the federal government — which hasn't a clue how to clean up its nuclear complex — why it continues to develop new atomic bombs. Or why taxpayers are footing the bill for messes left by nuclear weapons contractors like GE and Westinghouse.

Don't get us wrong. Escapist TV news stories have their place. But if we don't get coverage of the ways that big business and government are raiding our pocketbooks, the day may come when we won't be able to afford a television.

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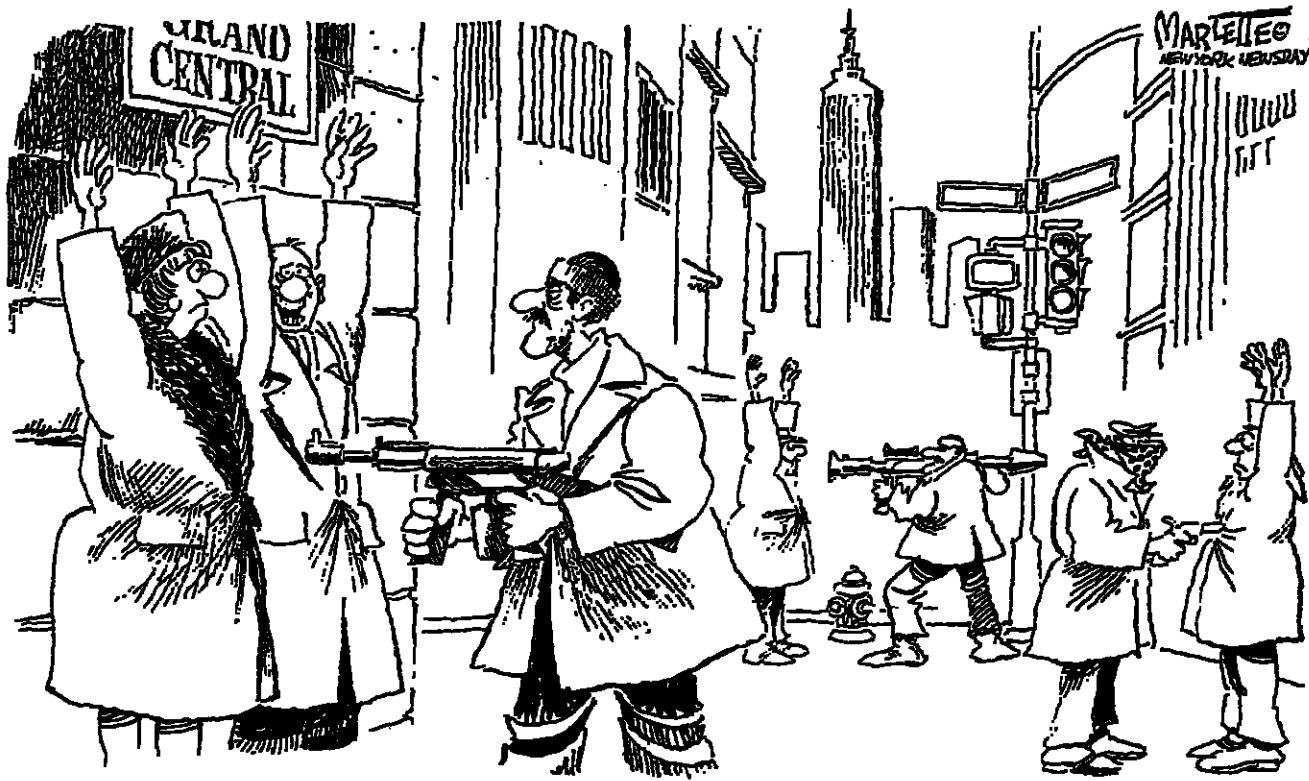
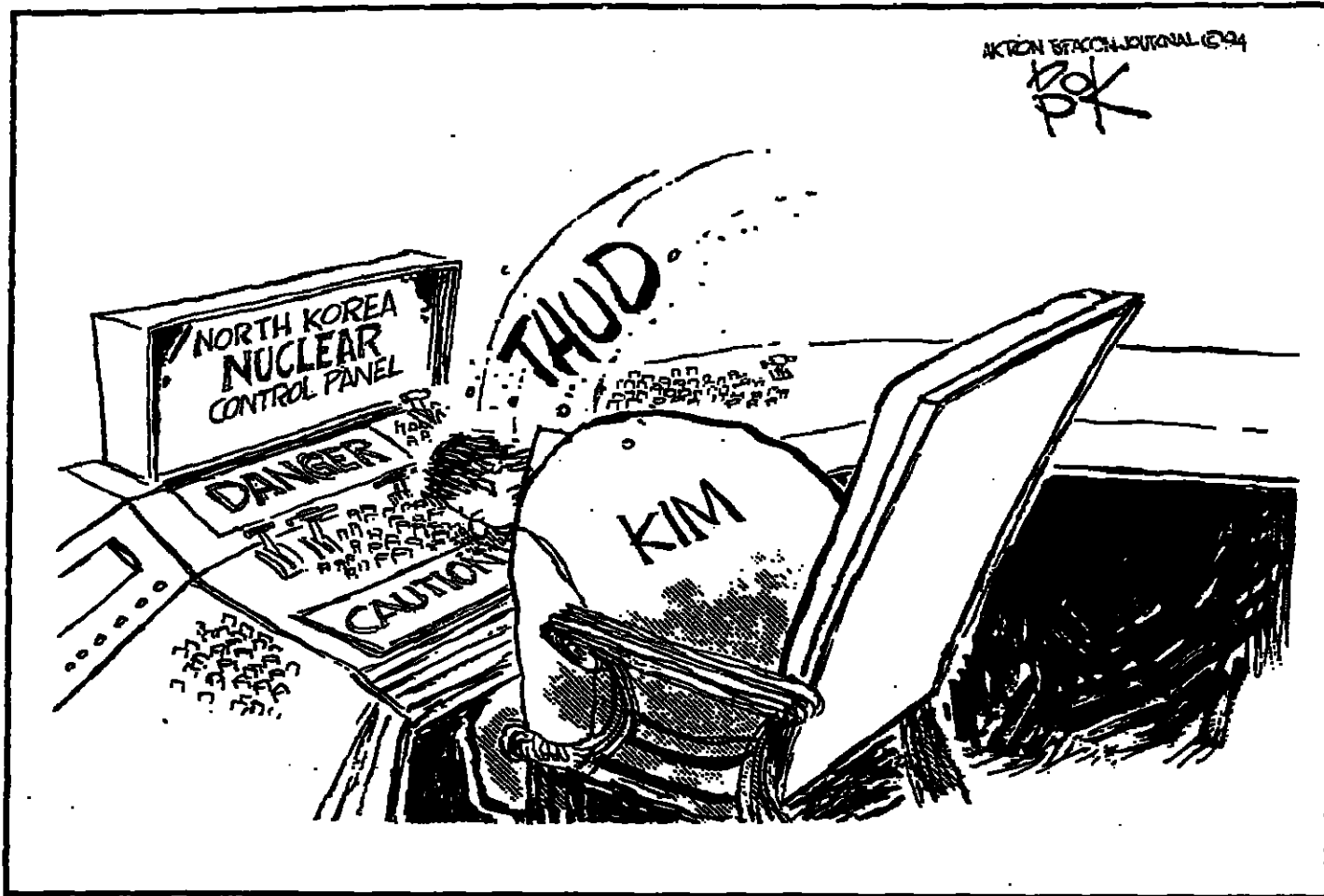


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"RELAX, DEAR !... HE'S NOT A TERRORIST—HE'S JUST A MUGGER!"



Frank Beacham

Questioning Technology:

HDTV on the Desktop

Using the new acronym "HDPC" (for high definition personal computing), a tiny New York City-based company has conducted what it calls the world's first demonstration of high definition video on an unmodified, off-the-shelf Pentium personal computer costing about \$1,500. This technical milestone is significant because it means HDTV—the well-worn acronym for broadcast high definition television—may eventually be delivered to our homes not through a living room TV set, but through a personal computer.

Television broadcasters in the United States have long made known their disdain for HDTV. Most think it is too expensive to implement and that very few people want it. The computer industry, on the other hand, has not only embraced the concept of high resolution images but has led the way in bringing them into the home on affordable hardware.

The next big leap in personal computing will come over the next few years when a new generation of PCs is linked to a vastly more powerful global communications network, predicts Andy Grove, president and CEO of Intel, the giant chip manufacturer. This high capacity network is all that's needed to deliver high definition images to home and office PCs.

"This combination of mass produced high performance computers and new high speed communications lines will change forever the way people work with each other. This will be the reality of the 'Information Highway,'" Grove said in his recent keynote address at PC Expo in New York City.

Significantly, Grove predicts that by the end of this decade 100 million personal computers will be shipped worldwide each year—more than cars, and TV sets. Does the rise of the personal computer mean the handwriting is on the wall for the traditional, passive living room TV set?

Stanley Marder, president of the Duck Corporation, thinks so. It was his company that stunned many industry observers this month with a demonstration of high definition video on a standard PC using Intel's Pentium chip. The demonstration used software only; there were no special circuit cards or "black boxes" needed for the display.

The personal computer, Marder says, is a better way to deliver high definition video to the home than the more traditional broadcast model being promoted by the Grand Alliance, the consortium of electronics companies now testing a proposed HDTV standard for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

"The mindset of the Grand Alliance is television set manufacturing," said Marder. "We are showing you this through a computer system. The computer today is an open architecture sys-

tem that allows interactive HDTV now and can go far beyond that in the future. We've heard nothing from the Grand Alliance about interactivity."

Interactivity, the ability of the television viewer to communicate back real time to the video source and manipulate the programming, is an added bonus of using a computer to deliver HDTV programming. In fact, just as impressive as simply displaying HD images over a PC was a demonstration by Duck where video images of objects could be turned full circle, upside down and examined in close-up detail by viewers through the movement of a computer mouse. Such technology could be used for anything from interactive home shopping to "how to" training applications to video games and entertainment.

"Comprehending" is the term Duck uses to describe its new interactive technology. "Comprehending is an amalgam of two words: compression and rendering," said Marder. "Instead of thinking in terms of a graphic artist trying to create totally realistic images that can be manipulated, imagine using real images with the end user being able to manipulate them through a computer."

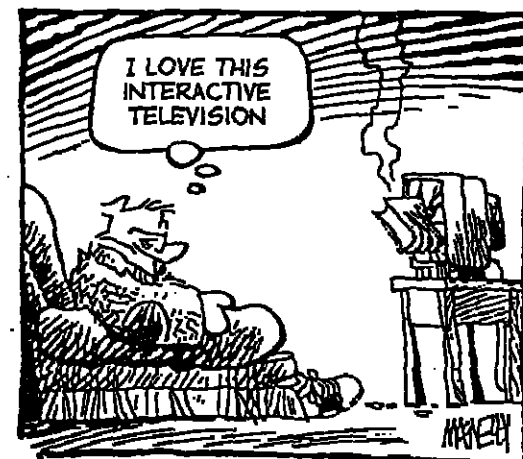
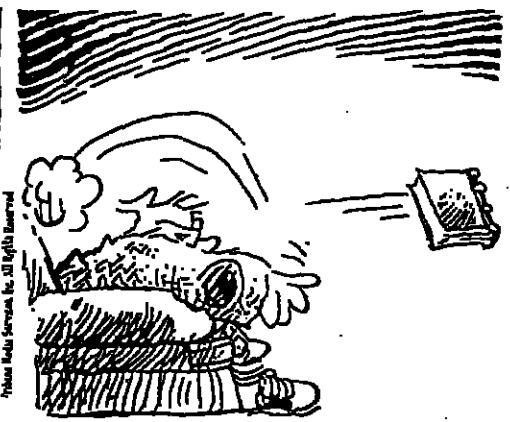
You can take an entire frame (of video) and you can have many objects within that frame made up of live video. Each of those objects can be moved around within the frame," he continued. "We believe this is a very important technology for the future of interactivity."

The idea of "comprehending" has already caught the eye of video game makers. Sega of America has announced plans to incorporate Duck's new technologies into future Sega hardware platforms including the company's Genesis 32X component. Crystal Dynamics, another game maker, has incorporated Duck's technology into some of its interactive game and multimedia titles.

It's important to note that Duck is not claiming its high definition video is of higher image resolution than that of the Grand Alliance... at least not yet. Dan Miller, chief technology officer at Duck, said his company's unique video compression software allows it to be used with a wide variety of resolutions and data rates depending on the "horsepower" and configuration of the personal computer.

That means, he predicted, that the image quality of high definition video on a desktop PC will equal or surpass that of the Grand Alliance's proposed broadcast system with the next generation of Pentium processor and higher resolution monitors. "We can equal the Grand Alliance's pixel depth (image resolution) perhaps with some further software engineering on the Pentium 90s coming out this year," Miller said. "We believe we can soon take a standard computer and equal what the Grand Alliance is doing with picture quality."

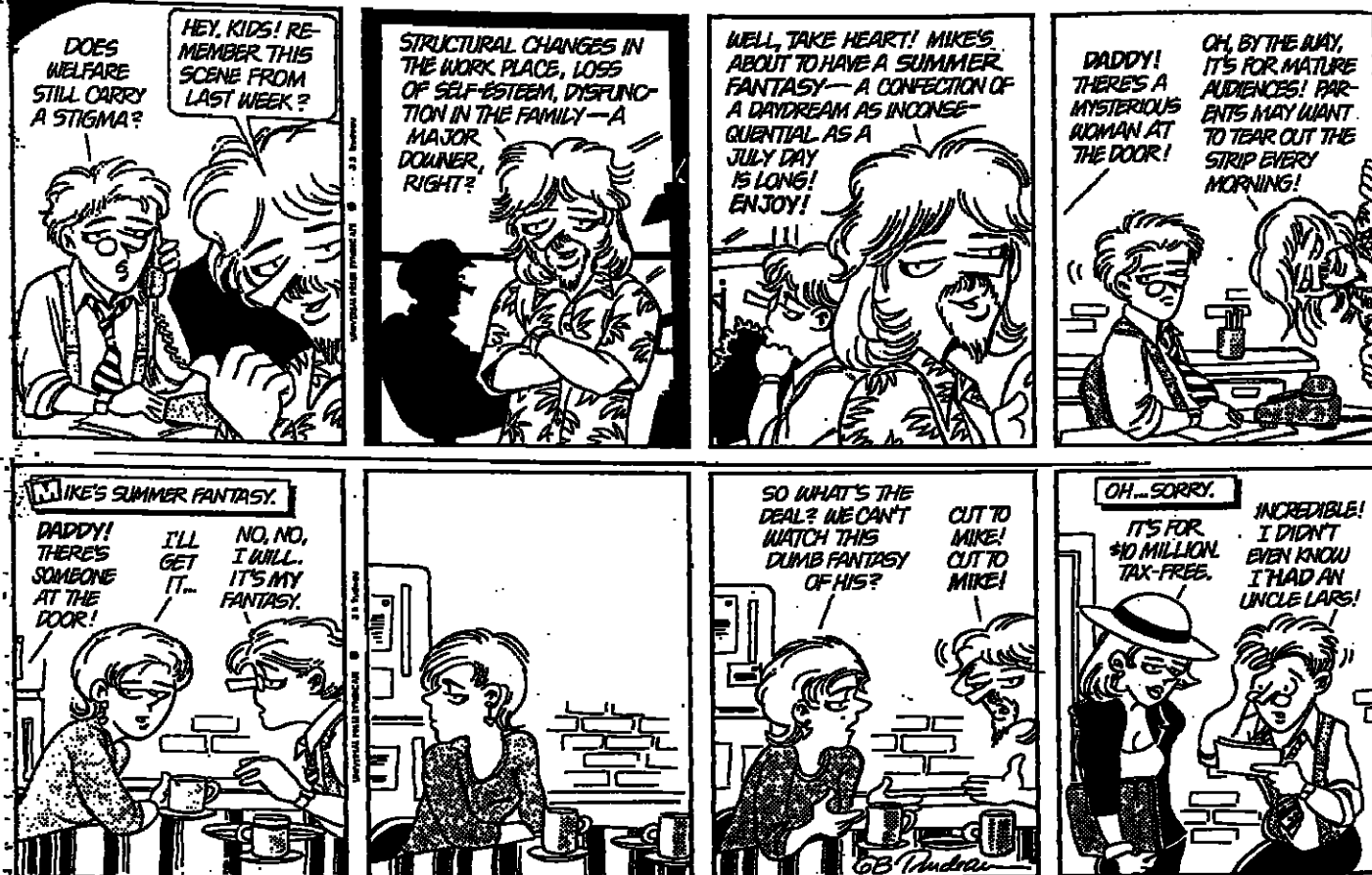
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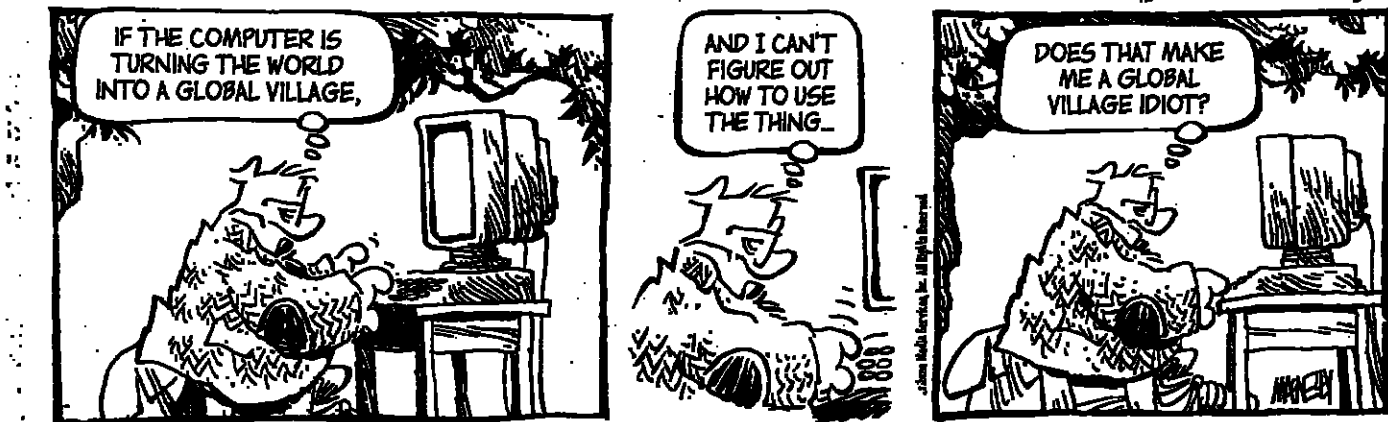
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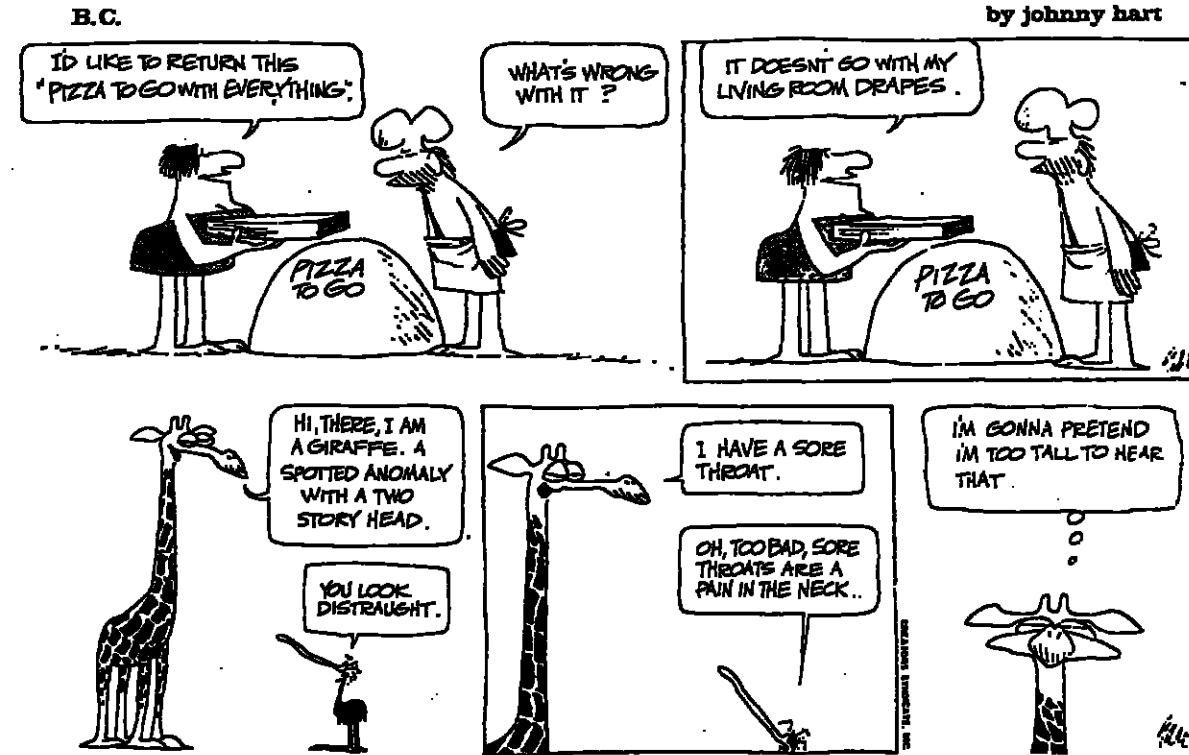
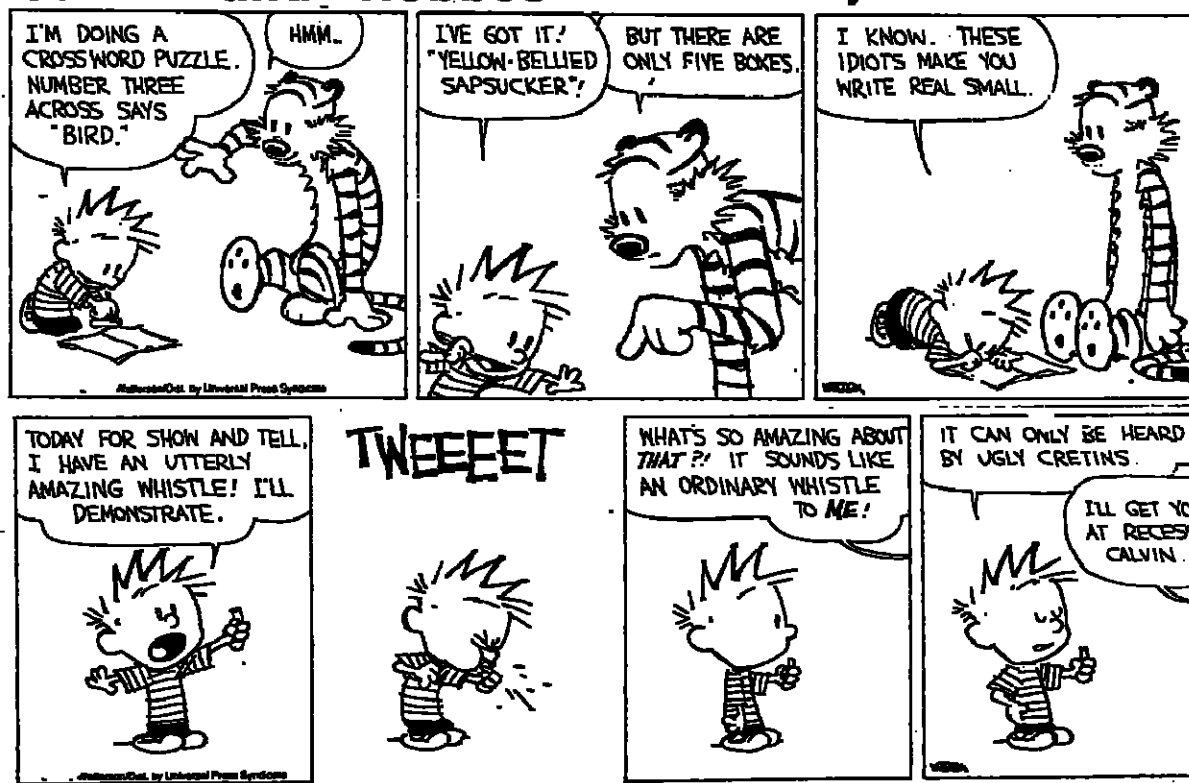


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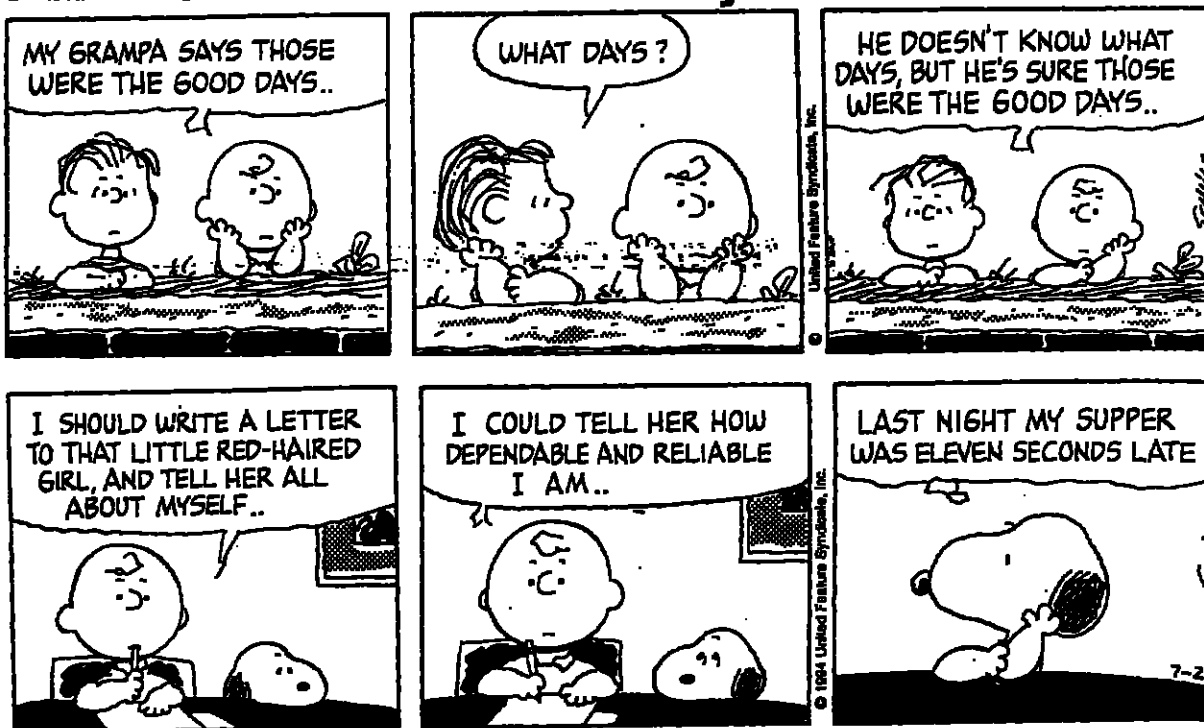
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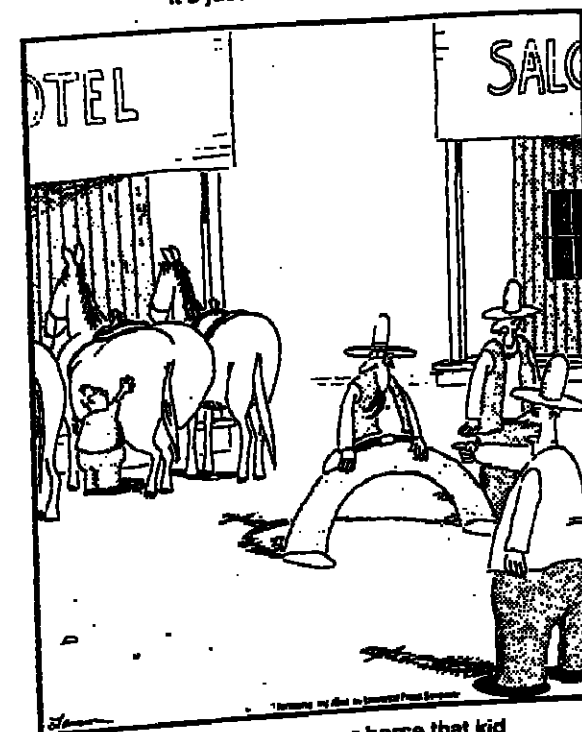
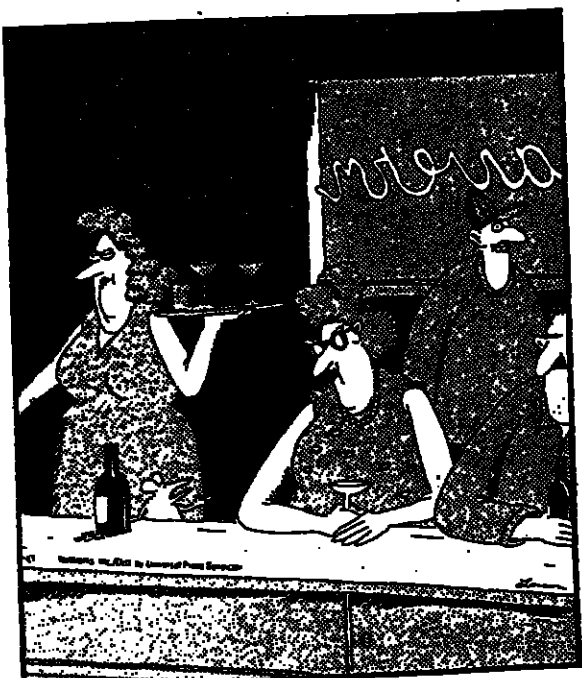
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 - 6 Atmosphere
 - 7 Spanish cathedral town
 - 8 Act like a lion toward
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 - 10 Make certain
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 - 30 What el means
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 - 33 Cozy corners
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 - 3 Kook
 - 4 Carpenter, often
 - 5 Cottage-cheese bit
 - 6 It may follow you
 - 7 Lever or pulley
 - 8 Munro's alias
 - 9 State as a fact
 - 10 Trumpet-shaped flower
 - 11 Pel's wing
 - 12 Spring-dance prop
 - 13 Prolific
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- 15 DOG STAR
- 16 Realistic
- 17 Kayaker's need
- 18 Test for would-be instructors: Abbr.
- 24 Conference questioners
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- 40 roll (having good luck)
- 41 Commercial
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- 46 Singer Lopez
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- 52 Oyster actor Jack
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- 56 See 11 Down
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- 59 Yeltsin's refusal
- 60 Gown renters: Abbr.
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- 62 Mrs. Helmsley
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- 66 CCLXII quadrupled
- 67 "Let's hear moral!"
- 68 Alphabetize
- 74 Bring up
- 75 The ___ of Good Feeling
- 76 Soup holders
- 77 Got to
- 78 Priestly brothers
- 79 "Ruled the World"
- 80 Cat's coat
- 81 "Got it!"
- 83 Kiwi's extinct cousin
- 84 Airline to Jerusalem
- 85 Appended
- 86 Examine closely
- 87 Sports commentator's patter
- 89 Resist
- 90 "never work!"
- 92 Fly guys
- 93 "Or ___ arms against..."
- 94 Pelled
- 98 Fencers' rapier
- 100 Contra-relative
- 101 Swedish name
- 102 Bye, in Bologna
- 103 USN bigwigs
- 104 Herr von Bismarck
- 105 Crow call
- 106 Mature
- 108 Wheel of Fortune buy
- 109 Flaxen-colored

Doomsday Time Line

What with all the scary things going on these days you don't need to invent problems to raise your blood pressure high enough to power a fire hose. Yet polls show five to ten million Americans aren't satisfied with the varied menu of real disasters the world so generously offers them. So they're waiting for the end of the world.

On Chicago's west side, members of the Bethel Apostolic Church began a vigil March 23 in anticipation of the Rapture. The Rapture is a relatively modern fundamentalist Christian concept in which the faithful expect to be lifted into the sky to meet the returning Jesus Christ, just before a disaster like nuclear war kicks off the reign of the Antichrist.

According to April news reports, Bethel members believed an Israeli-PLO peace treaty would herald the Rapture, but Bishop David McCollough says, "No, that's just part of it. What we're waiting for is world peace... The final is when the man of sin, who's a Jew, will sign with Israel for seven years. And that's when the Lord is going to pull out his wrath full power." He's referring to biblical interpretations that say the Antichrist will sign a peace pact with Israel and reign for seven years.

Meanwhile, Chicago Sun-Times readers were recently treated to an ad run by a retired Illinois couple, Werner and Lee Goers, that announced, "Christ's Return Is Near. Don't Miss It for the World." The Sun-Times ad was part of the Goers' national campaign to alert people that recent earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural disasters aren't simply being caused by shifting continental plates, low-pressure areas in which air convergence is accelerated by latent heat from precipitation, and other physical processes.

Bethel members and the Goers seem harmless and well-meaning. "I been on TV 15 years and never asked for any money," says Bishop McCollough. "We're not Jim Jones, we're the true church. You can see we're still here — nobody's been killed," he chuckles. But as Jim Jones and David Koresh (among others) have proven, some followers can go much farther than selling a few possessions to settle debts before the end, as some Bethel members have reportedly done. Or spending their retirement nest egg on newspaper ads, as the Goers are doing. When a South Korean fundamentalist church predicted the Rapture for October 28, 1992, one woman reportedly had an abortion — because the fetus's extra weight might have weighed her down during the expected ascension to heaven.

As a graphic reminder that the world's end comes and goes with alarming frequency, we've assembled a Doomsday Time Line. Entries are limited to those brash prophets who set a specific date or year. The scenarios are varied indeed, but the predictions all have at least one thing in common: as J. Gordon Melton, director of the California-based Institute for the Study of American Religion, puts it, "They've all been wrong."

Doomsday: December 31, 999

Prophet: Everybody in Europe and His Uncle

Divine prediction: The Apocrypha predicted the Last Judgment for 1,000 years after Christ's birth. Historians debate the exact level of hysteria this caused, but accounts by monks describe the sky raining blood and rocks that day — and monks were the educated ones.

Divine hindsight: None recorded.

What did happen: Everyone went back to their short, brutish medieval lives.

Doomsday: February 20, 1524

Prophet: Johannes Stoeffler

Divine prediction: This German mathematician and astrologer foresaw the world's end under a giant flood, spurring a boom in the nascent ship-building industry. A certain Count von Iggleheim ordered a three-story ark.

Divine hindsight: Stoeffler and Iggleheim had little chance to explain. When it rained that day, the unfortunate count was crushed under a presumably general-admission mob intent on boarding his ark. When the rain failed to engulf the world, Stoeffler was allegedly tossed in a pond by a disappointed rabble.

What did happen: Pope Clement VII made it through another day, too busy having his ring kissed to notice the imminent Reformation.

Doomsday: October 22, 1844

Prophet: William Miller

Divine prediction: Former New York farmer William Miller scared up an estimated 50,000 followers with prolific writings and tent revivals. His deadline was based on Bible interpretations and some creative math. Millerites donned white "ascension robes" on the big day and climbed trees and hills to facilitate rising to heaven.

Divine hindsight: None recorded. October 22 became "the Disappointment," and the Millerites became the Seventh-Day Adventists.

What did happen: Friedrich Engels put the spellbinding finishing touches on his soon-to-be best-seller, *Situation of the Working Classes in England*.

Doomsday: October 2, 1914

Prophet: Jehovah's Witnesses

Divine prediction: Pennsylvania haberdasher and Jehovah's Witnesses founder Charles Taze Russell expected the "Gentile nations" (a reference to the "times of the Gentiles" in Luke 21:24) to be destroyed on this day. Russell also expected chosen Witnesses to be taken to heaven, while Christ began his millennial reign on earth.

Divine hindsight: According to a Witnesses leader, Russell came down to breakfast on October 2, "briskly clapped his hands and happily announced: 'The Gentile times have ended.'" Russell explained that Christ had battled Satan successfully and set up his millennial kingdom, but had done so in heaven where no one else could see it.

What did happen: Russian soldiers camped on the estate of Prussia's emperor William. They ordered fancy meals from the emperor's cooks and taught his parrots to swear in Russian.

Doomsday: December 17, 1919

Prophet: Albert Porta

Divine prediction: All the planets except earth were scheduled to form a loose line with the sun on December 17. Porta, a San Francisco meteorologist venturing far beyond his already doubtful area of expertise, said the world would end when the planets' gravitational pull caused solar disturbances to "produce a huge sunspot which would in turn cause cataclysm."

Divine hindsight: Porta surmised that the killer sunspot had not formed because the sun's rotation kept the planets' gravitational pull from sufficiently affecting any one area of the sun's surface.

What did happen: The world's biggest cheese was parceled out to retailers at the Chicago Cold Storage company warehouse. The cheese, weighing 31,964 pounds, contained the makings of 1,022,848 sandwiches.

Doomsday: February 6, 1925, 12 AM eastern standard time

Prophet: Margaret Rowen and Robert Reidt

Divine prediction: Rowen and Reidt, two Reformed Seventh-Day Adventists (Reidt went by the moniker "Apostle of Doom"), warned that the entire population of the earth would be killed except for 144,000 chosen people, who would ascend to heaven. Reidt said the trip to heaven would take seven days and the travelers would rest on Jupiter.

Divine hindsight: At five minutes to midnight, Reidt scanned the uneventful sky and announced, "Well, it doesn't look as if anything is going to happen tonight."

What did happen: Taking advantage of a recently passed amnesty bill, a French army deserter turned himself in. Popular socialite Suzanne Langlard, aka Paul Grappe, said he was happy about the amnesty since he was tired of wearing women's clothes.

Doomsday: December 20, 1954

Prophet: Dr. Charles Laughhead

Divine prediction: Laughhead, a Michigan State College physician who claimed he was reporting information from certain people who were receiving communications from outer space, said the end would come via earthquakes and tidal waves.

Divine hindsight: On December 21, Laughhead told the media that an outer-space reprieve had saved Chicago from a monster tidal wave, but insisted that a California earthquake that did take place that day supported his overall theory.

What did happen: Thieves stole 23,616 diapers from the Germ Proof Diaper Service at 4518 N. Kedzie in Chicago.

Doomsday: April 29, 1980, 7:55 PM eastern standard time

Prophet: Leland Jensen

Divine prediction: Missoula, Montana, chiropractor Leland Jensen, who had served a term in state prison for sexually molesting a child, expected a Russian nuclear strike to start the reign of the Antichrist, basing his prediction on biblical interpretation and measurements of the Great Pyramid of Khufu. Jensen's homemade basement bomb shelter spilled over into his living room, where he stacked newspapers and logs and spread plastic, mud, and rocks across the floor.

Divine hindsight: Today Jensen hotly denies that he expected the bombs to drop in 1980. "No, no, of course not!" he barks. "No! I said it was a dry run. What happens is some reporter writes we said the world is going to come to an end and we never said no such damnable thing. It'll be around here for billions of years yet." He insists he did not spend April 29 in his shelter. "I spent it home here in bed. I knew there wasn't going to be a war. So I spent it home in bed."



When does he expect the end now? "Not this year, but possibly next year. This isn't just me, you know. It's scriptural."

What did happen: Japanese emperor Hirohito celebrated his 79th birthday. His wife gave him an electric razor.

Doomsday: September 11-13, 1988

Prophet: Edgar Whisenant

Divine prediction: Former NASA rocket engineer Edgar Whisenant predicted the Rapture and start of the Antichrist's reign in his booklet, "88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988," which reportedly sold three million copies. Whisenant dissected the Bible mathematically, locating 23,000 "clues" that eventually led him to his 1988 deadline. He says he spent September 11-13 at a friend's house with a group of believers. "More or less it's a lot like waitin' for the Superbowl to start," he observes.

Divine hindsight: "Well, it took me 70 or 80 days to figure out what God was doin' when it didn't happen," Whisenant recalls. He concluded that because there was no "year zero AD," all his calculations were exactly one year off. Preparations began immediately for the 1989 Superbowl.

What did happen: Presidential candidate George Bush addressed a Republican breakfast meeting and wittily called his opponent, Michael Dukakis, the "governor of taxachusetts," getting a good laugh from the easily amused crowd.

Doomsday: October 2, 1989

Prophet: Elizabeth Clare Prophet

Divine prediction: News accounts had Prophet predicting nuclear war for October 2. But according to spokesman Murray Steinman, Prophet simply predicted "the return of 28,000 years of bad karma to the earth's physical plane," which could have resulted in nuclear war, economic collapse, etc. This information came to Prophet from "the ascended masters," dead people who psychically dictate messages to her. At least 2,000 of her followers moved to her Montana ranch to finish building bomb shelters, paying up to \$10,000 apiece for shelter space.

Divine hindsight: October 2 wasn't really a deadline, Steinman stresses. Rather, an ascended master named El Moray told Prophet on October 2, 1987, that if the U.S. didn't construct an anti-

ballistic missile system there would be some kind of confrontation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union within two years. Besides, says Steinman, "We think prophecy can be mitigated or changed, or entirely eliminated. She's never set a specific date, and whenever she has said that something terrible might happen she has mobilized her worldwide movement to pray that these things might not happen."

What did happen: Soviet psychic E. Frenkel unsuccessfully, and messily, attempted to stop a freight train with his mind.

Doomsday: October 28, 1992, midnight

Prophet: Lee Jan-rim

Divine prediction: Lee Jan-rim was the most prominent of the leaders of about 200 South Korean fundamentalist Christian churches that predicted the Rapture. Lee was arrested in early October for allegedly swindling his followers out of \$4 million, including bonds that were presumably worthless since they matured well after the expected Rapture. Still, an estimated 20,000 South Koreans believed. Many spent the month busily quitting jobs, abandoning families, and shedding private property. At one particularly gung ho church, followers proved their faith by eating live eels and fish and stripping in front of each other.

Divine hindsight: At 12:15 AM, the Reverend Chang Man-ho told followers at the largest doomsday church, "Sorry, let's go home." Lee, speaking from jail, apologized for causing social unrest by misinterpreting the Bible.

What did happen: At the Big Ten men's basketball tip-off luncheon, University of Illinois coach Lou Henson told a joke in which Saint Peter greets three new entrants to heaven and asks their IQs. When the last guy gives his IQ as 53, Saint Peter says, "How 'bout them Hawkeyes?"

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Angela Castellanos

Social Cleansing

SANTAFE DE BOGOTA—"Given the current wave of insecurity in our city, we, the undersigned, have adopted the radical position of eliminating and eradicating by any means available those...who are not fit to be a part of society, such as the muggers, the drug addicts, etc."

So bragged a Colombian group with the pharmaceutical-sounding name of Toxicol-90 in a press release. Toxicol-90 refers to a product, "the aim of which is to carry out humane actions of cleansing." A myriad of groups have formed in the last few years to perform their own vigilant style of "social cleansing."

Muggers, drug addicts, beggars and street children in Colombia are often the victims of these vigilante death squads. These squads believe in imposing death sentences on "common criminals" they claim the Colombian government is incapable of controlling. The problem has intensified over the years, as groups with slogans such as "death to muggers," "death to coke-heads," or "death to street children" proliferate. According to the non-governmental Center for People's Research and Education (CINEP), last year alone 183 people were murdered by these groups.

The first case of "social cleansing" occurred in 1979. CINEP reported that between 1988 and 1991, most victims of these groups in Bogota — 41.7 percent — were people with criminal records. Drug addicts, who comprised 20.5 percent of the victims, were the second-highest targeted group. The remainder were beggars (11 percent) and street children (11.8 percent).

The "socially cleansed," to employ an appalling euphemism, have one aspect in common — poverty. In 1990, 23 percent of all Colombian households were below the poverty line. Although no recent data is available, some experts warn that the current policy of economic liberalization will only increase the number of the poor. Many of the victims took to the streets to escape hostile, violent family environments. They graduated from street children who live by begging or petty theft into drug abusers who commit more serious, violent crimes.

"I've spent many years on the street," said "Comanche," the leader of one of the shun areas in Bogota. "I've spent all my life on the streets and in jail. The government catches you with a little bit of coke and sends you to jail. And they don't rehabilitate you there either, because there's more drugs in jail than outside."

There is a generalized impression that those who take "bazuco," a form of cocaine, are led into crime as a way to support their addiction.

There's also a belief that bazuco smokers tend to become muggers and commit physically violent crimes," said Carlos Rojas, who conducted the CINEP study. "Although there are few studies about the effects of bazuco, one can say that these perceptions are, to a certain degree, sound."

Colombia's shun-dwellers are frequently described as "the expendable ones," people who supposedly can bring no benefit to society and are, therefore, not needed. The death squads interpret the phrase literally.

What such groups do is shoot their victims and leave them on the outskirts of cities. Many bodies carry tattoos or slogans attached to their chests saying, "I used to be a drug addict" or "I used to be a thief." Two years ago, charges were brought against one death squad in Barranquilla, a town on the Caribbean, that sold the bodies of its victims to the local medical faculty. But such cases are rare. At times, the death squads disclose a list of potential victims, with the warning that those

who do not change their current behavior will be "punished."

In every major city of Colombia there are "black zones," or slums. The death squads do not tend to attack within those neighborhoods. Instead, they zero in on shun-dwellers found on the fringes of those areas.

"This suggests that the 'cleansing' groups wish to contain the 'problem elements' of society in certain places, in ghettos," implied Rojas.

The squads argue that they have intervened because the state is too corrupt and inefficient to cut the crime rate.

"Of course we call on the authorities, on judges and policemen, if they still have a scrap of morality left, to act with an iron fist, without compassion, against the heinous narcotics-mongers and vice-traffickers who are provoking such grievous harm against our children," one of their communiques said. "The government defends its power and bureaucracy. Who defends society?"

Nevertheless, the squads are not just made up of private citizens who feel injured by crime, but of police agents too. In Pereira, 360 kilometers northeast of Bogota, 13 police officers were accused of killing 60 "dispensable ones," but they never faced a trial. They were merely disciplined by their superiors.

"In general, police officers think that the policies and actions of the judiciary constitute a sort of discrimination in favor of criminals," said Hector Pena Diaz, presidential advisor on human rights.

Many policemen, he added, have complained about catching well-known criminals only to see them out on the street a few days later, "often threatening the police officers who captured them."

"This can at times be explained due to faulty police procedures," Diaz explained, "but mainly it is due to the structural incapacity of the judiciary to provide a clear and effective response to crime."

"If no alternative is found to resolve the chronic delays and miscarriages within the legal system, it won't just be an encouragement for certain social sectors to take the law into their own hands," Rojas warned. "They will also find in it an additional guarantee that they can act and not be punished."

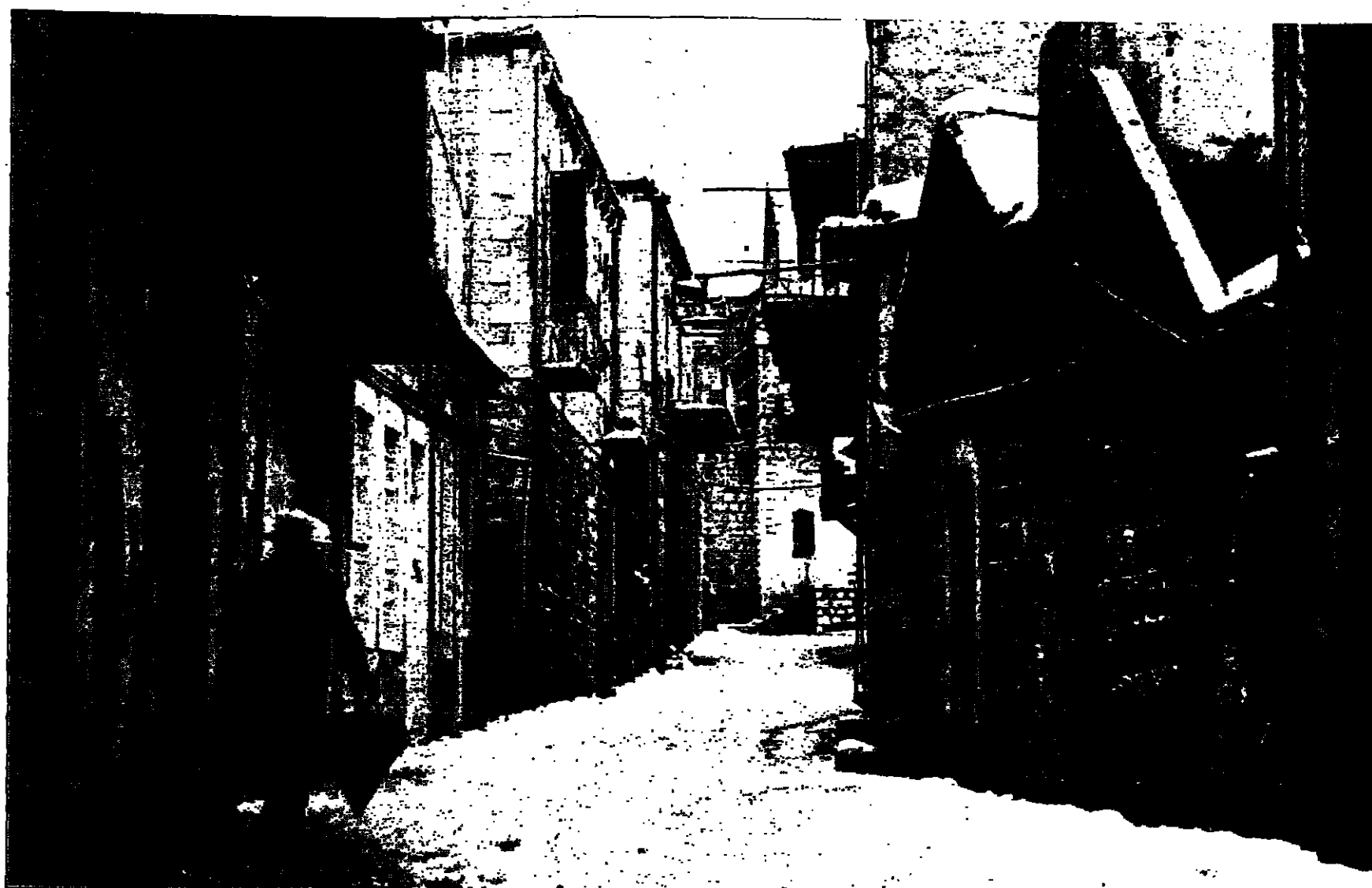
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SHIRAZ KATKI (23 Acres) was a noted Bahá'í leader. He was the first president of the Republic of Kenya. NTE (13 Down) stands for "National Teachers Examination." In Hindu mythology, KALI (25 Down) is the malevolent form of the Mother Goddess.

Photography is a snap with fall courses

ON CAMERA
DAVID BRAUNER

"I own a good camera, but I don't know how to use it."
"My pictures are always so disappointing. How can I improve them?"
"Black and white looks fascinating, but you need a darkroom."
If you have ever heard yourself say any of these refrains, now is the time to stop the musing, and start learning.
Courses in beginning and advanced photography will be starting up all over the country after the holidays. Registration for many courses has already begun. Don't wait too long to register, since places are always limited. Darkrooms are confined spaces and the number of enlargers is limited.
The first course in photography is bound to be fun and exciting. What's more, it may lead to new friends, or even a new career.
In general, classes meet conveniently once a week for two to three hours in the late afternoon or early evening throughout the school year. Most sessions will be held in a darkroom or studio, but at times the whole class may go out "on assignment."
Introductory courses cover camera basics: an elementary acquaintance with materials and lab equipment, studio work and lighting, film development, and black-and-white printing. Much of photographic terminology is in English. The best courses go far beyond the technical side. In such courses, students



The photographer shot this portrait of Mea She'arim in the snow shortly after taking a camera course at the Israel Museum. (David Brauner)

get a taste of the variety of photography: portraiture, landscape, nature and action, to mention a few. There may also be time for lectures, films and slide

shows on the history and diversity of photography. Students can also expect to see local exhibitions. One of the best ways to learn photography is to look

carefully at pictures in books and newspapers and on walls.
Advanced courses are likely to take students into the rarefied realms of artis-

tic expression in both black and white and in color. The emphasis of these courses shifts to experimentation and more esoteric equipment, materials and

techniques. Also, digital imaging and computer graphics are being added many curricula.
Introductory photography courses are offered in virtually every town here. Contact the nearest art school, local community center or culture and sports center, whose courses tend to be short and run more than once a year.
Here is a partial list of some of the better one-year courses for beginners meeting once a week, starting in the coming academic year:
JERUSALEM:
The Israel Museum (Youth Wing). Children and youth, NIS 1,050; adults, NIS 1,700. Scholarships and reductions available. Tel. 02-633278 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The Jerusalem School of Photography. 9 Ha'ayin Het Street, Musrara. NIS 1,480 payable in five payments. The fee of darkroom outside of class is time. Tel. 02-286519; Fax 02-694479; of TEL AVIV AREA:
Camera Obscura, 4 Rival Street in 1863.
THE NORTH:
Tel Hai Institute of the Arts, D.I. Upper Galilee. Approximate NIS 1,300 (not finalized). Scholarships available. Library. Tel. 06-943731; F. 06-950697.
THE SOUTH:
Beersheba College of Visual Arts, Simha Assaf Street, Beersheba. Approximate NIS 1,360. Tel. 07-49196. Fees include chemicals and darkroom time, but not photographic paper or film. Students are expected to bring their own cameras, and the minimum requirement is generally a 35 mm. single-lens reflex camera and a standard 50 mm. lens. The best cameras to learn on are old-fashioned manuals or semi-automatics with manual override.
On a related topic, a reader recently inquired about photo clubs. If you belong to a club and want new members, write to "On Camera" c/o The Jerusalem Post, and we will be pleased to publish your details in a future article.

Meir had the will and found the way

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

THE men in the decision-making circles to which Golda Meir gravitated never hesitated to charge her with missions requiring courage, determination and common sense.
She headed "Faction Gimel" in the Tel Aviv Labor Council headquarters in 1941 to stem the advance of the left-wing "Faction Bet," which had challenged the majority.
Unemployment had been rampant in Tel Aviv since 1935 and became intolerable by 1941. People were hungry, and a few committed suicide.
Fifty secretaries of local trade unions piled into the office of Histadrut Secretary-General David Remez and gave an ultimatum: work and lodging for those who lacked it — within a week!
Golda Myerson (as she was then known) was designated to handle the crisis. She said she would resign from the Mapai secretariat and then yield to pressure from within her own party. She finally won, but her majority was slim, and the tensions within the Labor Council remained.
Some relief in unemployment occurred when the British Army began preparing for war, but as a general rule, the army wanted Arabs rather than workers from Tel Aviv.
The crisis is described in detail by Prof. Meir Avzohar in his contribution to *Golda, Tzviha shel Manhiga* ("Golda, Growth of a Leader"), recently published by Am Oved for the Golda Meir Institute for Labor and Social Research and Tel Aviv University.
Meir's style of government was to try to persuade all those concerned to use common sense. She once reached a decision, she stuck to it.
She expected those on her side to abide by identical principles, although she refused to be bound

by resolutions she did not approve.
Hers was a sort of leadership that required a strong personality, authoritarian at times — but one prepared to halt on the brink and learn from mistakes, writes Prof. Arie Globerson, head of the six-man research team whose findings are included in this publication.
Much of Meir's character must have been formed in the American schools she attended from age eight, when her family moved from Russia to Milwaukee. Her teachers encouraged the girl's independence, and Meir proved her mettle by establishing a fund to help needy pupils.
Her Zionist education was influenced by her elder (by nine years) sister Sheina, whose association with revolutionary dreamers dated from her youth in Kiev.

MEIR'S OUTLOOK was shaped by the Socialist-Zionist Zionism professed by Nahman Syrkin. Meir was serious about it. She accepted the marriage proposal of Maurice Myerson, a staunch anarchist, on condition that they immigrate to Palestine, where they joined a kibbutz.
She accepted no nonsense. Her female comrades on Kibbutz Merhavim defended their equality with men by refusing the kitchen chores. "Why is it honorable to feed cows but dishonorable to feed colleagues?" Meir argued. She kept up civilized standards by using glasses instead of metal cups and providing cookies on Saturdays.
"Golda, one of the most naturally gregarious people I have known, was at her best when surrounded by others," her son said. "My mother flourished in and [was] utterly fascinated by the perpetually turbulent political climate of the Zionist movement."
She was making her mark in the kibbutz hierarchy when she yielded to her husband's ultimatum — no children while they were living on a kibbutz.
In Jerusalem she helped sup-



Once Golda Meir reached a decision, she stuck to it and expected her allies to be bound by identical principles. (Tom Gidali)

port the family with a variety of jobs, including laundry. Her marriage flourished after five years, however. She kept her married name until she shortened it to Meir with the establishment of the state.
Meir was renowned for "having a man's brains" and was treated as an equal. Nevertheless, the assignments she was given for years involved mainly women's organizations and social problems.
She was made head of the Working Women's Council, a post she resigned in 1930, "leaving little if any impact on the organization," according to her biographers. She was dispatched to the US to lead the Pioneer Women and was very successful in fundraising.
She was rather conservative in her tenets, staunchly defending the "family" wage system in the

Histadrut, according to which a worker's salary depended on the number of people he or she supported.
The system was ultimately abandoned after hospital nurses won their fight for a "professional" wage schedule, which stipulated that salary was contingent upon the type of work.
Golda, *Growth of a Leader* is a misnomer. Meir's career in this volume is followed only up to her performance as labor minister — undoubtedly her greatest achievement. Her stint as prime minister is not mentioned, although most people regard that as the time when her leadership qualities underwent their greatest test.
Perhaps she was not a leader after all, nor a shaper of policy, but rather an intelligent and determined executive — a sort of *apparatchik*, a technician.

How to help your pet handle the kitty litter jitters

HEADS 'N' TAILS
DYORA BEN SHAUL

CATS are far more determined than dogs, even downright stubborn. Once a cat gets something into its head it's hard to change its mind; dogs are far easier to persuade. But sometimes other factors affect what looks like simple pigheadedness.
A reader is stymied by a three-and-a-half-month-old Siamese kitten that was weaned and sent to a new home, where it at once used the litter box.
The problem started recently when its owners decided the kitten was old enough to go outside for its toilet needs. But the kitten refused: it played outside and then ran home to its litter box. When the litter box was placed outside, the kitten refused to use it, containing itself for hours, and then sought the toilet in its customary place.
The kitten might seem just plain stubborn, but there are other factors that probably contribute to the problem.
The most important is the fact that the kitten was weaned much too soon. Because of this, it probably lacks self-confidence and a

feeling of security when it is outside. It most likely would also refuse to eat outside. Kittens feel very vulnerable when eating or attending to their toilet needs, and often refuse to do so in a strange place.
There are several ways of approaching this problem, but all of them hinge on patience. Instead of putting the litter box in the garden, one could try putting it just outside the door. Even then, it might take several days before the kitten learns. Or you could start using dry earth in the box instead of other materials, so that the kitten gets used to earth as a repository. In either case you will probably have to invest a lot of time to get the kitten used to this new idea.
This case once again stresses the fact that there is far more to maternal care than providing milk. Cats require a very long period of maternal instruction (far longer than dogs). This includes all cats, from the smallest right up to lions and tigers.
Had this kitten remained with its mother long enough, the mother would have accompanied it outside; and, once it felt secure, the kitten would have imitated her and started to prefer the garden to a litter box.
Now that the damage has been

done, you will have to be patient. In time, it will most likely start to use the garden for its needs. Very rarely, a cat refuses to do this, in which case you're stuck with the

chore of taking care of a litter box. But it could be worse: Some kittens decide that only a pillow, a rug or some other household item is suitable for their needs.



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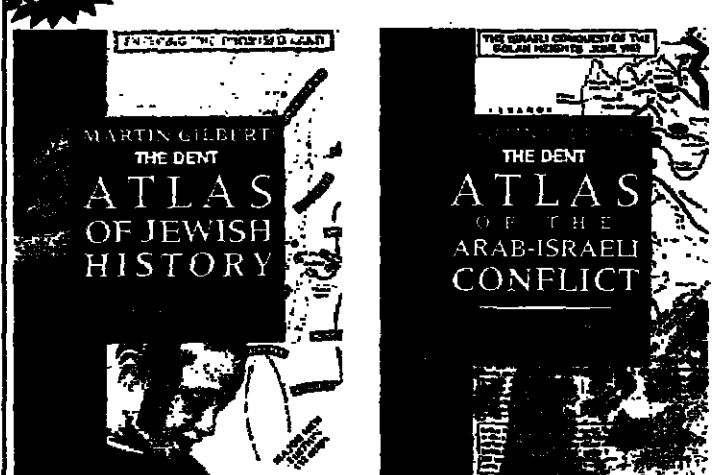
GUSTI was sitting over the console, reading a sports paper. Or so it would seem if you had peeked into the control tower. In fact, hidden among the pages of the paper was the brochure: *How to Control Air Traffic in 20 Easy Lessons*.
"Better play it safe," Gusti said to himself.
Day before yesterday, after a real disaster had been avoided only by a miracle, he had almost got reprimanded by the Inquiry Committee. On that occasion an aircraft — it happened to be Belgian — failed to spot the powerful smokestack over the clouds and — *boing* — smashed.
One of its wings dropped onto a twin-engine plane flying by mistake just below, but the pilot of the small plane kept his head. By a brilliant maneuver he landed on an airfield coming from Moscow, and both plummeted to the ground, almost killing Revivo. Only 10 yards separated them from the star player; had his pass been a little longer, a real tragedy would have occurred.
Gusti looked intently at the big clock on the wall. No one had told him that this was not the radar, and up until the other day he had directed airport traffic by the second hand, which it will be remembered, moves all the time around the clock face.
As a matter of fact, the radar system had already been ordered in the US, and just as soon as the airport started making money it planned to purchase it.
For the time being, a man was sent every morning from the Labor Exchange to the top of the Shalom Tower, from where he flagged down the incoming planes with a red rag. But this morning the Labor Exchange had again sent someone who spoke no Hebrew, and he kept signaling in Bulgarian.
"What a pain in the neck," Avigdor groused in another corner of the control tower. "That TWA pilot has been pestering me for half an hour for permission to land."
"What's his height?" Gusti asked.
"A meter-seventy in stockings."
"Consult the chart," Gusti said, "and don't bother me with such trifles."
Avigdor started leafing through the instructions. "What do they expect me to do," he complained. "They sent me here yesterday just

to replace Grinspan, who is down with the flu. It's only for a few days anyway."
"Have you completed a course?"
"Not yet. But you see, I work in a chicken coop, so they thought fowl, birds, planes — you know."
A tremendous explosion came from the runway and a column of black smoke rose heavenward.
"Oh hell," Gusti remarked. "We're going to catch it again."

HE HUNG out the window the yellow balloon meaning "be back soon" and went to have a snack. Altogether it had been a hard day. At lunchtime two big planes had approached from the sea and by mistake had intercepted the broadcast of a radio ham from Rishon LeZion, and since then they were circling Tel Aviv with their wheels locked, unable to separate.
Gusti had contacted the Austrian pilot. "No sweat. Carry on circling."
"And what if we run out of fuel?"
"Let's cross our bridges when we come to them."
Gusti immediately called the minister of transport and demanded an urgent inquiry committee. In the meantime things had quieted down on the airfield, since the chief meteorologist had declared a go-slow strike, and only on the intervention of the state president did he consent to announce that the weather was fair.
The driver of the hay wagon which had ambled onto the runway two days before was still looking for the exit. Avigdor rang his wife at home to ask whether there was anything on TV tonight. Someone cut in on the line and babbled something about lights.

"Get off," Avigdor roared into the receiver. "Get off, man, get off!" "I'm taking off. Over!" field Air France pilot replied. "But something is landing exactly opposite me."
"I'll call you back later," Avigdor said to his wife and returned to the pilot. "What were you saying?"
"I'm on a collision course. What shall I do?"
"Watch out," Avigdor warned. "Be careful!"
Here Rishon LeZion came and broadcast light music.
Gusti came running in from the kitchen. "The rain washed out the beacon on top of the tower," he announced. "Three are flying without lights at the same height. We'll have to act immediately!"
And without further delay he dialed for an ambulance and the wrecker truck. Gusti called Inquiry Committee HQ so that thing committee members should be present during the triple crash. But in the end only two met in the air. The third plane was warned off in the nick of time by a dentist who got on the line, and the plane landed safely on Ben-Yehuda Street, corner Norda. The neighbors immediately started ringing the Ministry of Transport.
It's the second time this week, they complained. "We can't get any sleep with this racket."
The transport minister set up an inquiry committee. Customs set up shop on Ben-Yehuda Street and began checking the luggage. In the meantime the two locked airplanes had dropped into the sea, but strollers on the esplanade thought this was an air display and cheered. The inquiry committee went out in boats. Rishon LeZion went off the air. The meteorologist renewed his strike. But on the whole, it was a quiet day, thank God.

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Borotra's death leaves Lacoste last of the tennis 'Musketeers'

BIARRITZ (AP) — Jean Borotra, one of France's legendary "Four Musketeers" tennis champions who dominated the sport for 10 years in the 1920s and '30s, died last week at 95.

The death leaves 90-year-old Rene Lacoste, famed for his alligator-emblem sportswear, as the sole survivor of the feared foursome. Jacques Brunon died in 1978, and Henri Cochet in 1987.

Borotra, dubbed "The Bouncing Basque," won the Wimbledon men's singles in 1924 and 1926, lost three times to other musketeers, and won the doubles in 1925.

He captured the French Open single's crown in 1931 and the doubles title three times, and won the Australian Open singles, doubles and mixed doubles in 1928.

President emeritus of the French Tennis Federation, Borotra held the record for the third-highest number of appearances in the Davis Cup finals, with nine, and played in the tournament a record 17 years. His squads won the cup from 1927 through 1932. They lost the finals in 1925, 1926 and 1933. The era was the most golden for French tennis. At Wimbledon, the world's top tournament, one of the musketeers won the singles title for six straight years, from 1924 through 1929, beating another Frenchman in the finals five times.

When France at last won the Davis Cup again in 1991, after a 59-year wait, Borotra joined the team

in the locker room. "Thank you, guys," Borotra deadpanned. "I don't know how much longer I could have waited." Team captain Yannick Noah dedicated the upset victory of the US to him.

Ironically, France lost this year's Davis Cup quarter-final to Sweden hours after Borotra's death was announced, with Stefan Edberg defeating Cedric Pioline in the first match of the reverse singles. Lacoste had no reaction. A member of his entourage who picked up the phone at his house said that the last musketeer was "very weak, very tired and prefers to make no declaration... despite their friendship."

Born August 13, 1898, in Biarritz to a well-to-do family, Borotra studied law but made his fortune selling motors for gasoline pumps, during an era when tennis was essentially an amateur sport. Racing about the court in his white flannel trousers and beret, Borotra was a deadly volleyer and astute match player. His constant enthusiasm made him a great favorite with the crowds.

Fred Perry, the great British star, once said, "Borotra was always ready to kill himself for France."

Borotra, always modest, said in later years, "I had no serve at all, but how I loved to play." A lifelong tennis enthusiast, he was playing doubles matches at Wimbledon well into the

1970s. And a few months short of his 80th birthday, Borotra played in the veterans doubles tournament at the 30th anniversary of Roland Garros stadium in Paris. He and Jozsef Asbóth of Hungary lost in the first round.

"Don't worry," the referee said. "You can win next year."

"Only if they draw us against a team that scratches," Borotra shot back with his legendary enthusiasm.

After France fell to Germany in 1940, Borotra became commissioner for general education and sports in the Vichy regime under Marshal Philippe Petain. Two years later, he fell afoul of the Germans and was imprisoned for the rest of the war in Austria.

Borotra, who won the Croix de Guerre medal in World War I, greatly admired Petain for winning the crucial battle of Verdun. But he embroiled himself in controversy in the 1970s, heading a group that tried to reverse Petain's 1945 conviction for treason.

Borotra was a commander of the Legion of Honor, France's highest award for civilians, and honorary vice president for sport for the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

He was married twice and is survived by his second wife, Janine, and his son from his first marriage, Yves.



CHIPPER — French tennis great Jean Borotra dies at 95. The alligator on his shirt is the trademark of fellow Musketeer, Jean Lacoste.

Blackburn sets sights to become Britain's 'AC Milan'

LONDON (Reuters) — The Premier League is growing used to the spending exploits of Blackburn Rovers, fast becoming a kind of AC Milan of British soccer.

The financial clout of club chairman and millionaire businessman Jack Walker has lifted Blackburn into the Manchester United and Arsenal bracket in the last couple of seasons.

But on Friday, Blackburn excelled themselves — even by their own high-spending standards — when they shelled out a British record £5 million for Norwich City striker Chris Sutton, a 21-year-old with a lot of talent but an unproven track record at the very highest level.

The deal took the Blackburn shopping bill for the last three years to almost £27m and

sparked fears in some quarters that the English game may be following the Italian, where exorbitant transfer fees have become second nature.

But Blackburn's assistant manager Ray Harford does not see that as a problem. "You've got to spend the money to get people of the quality of Chris when they're available," he said. "There is a particular shortage of good English players."

And Harford says the club, Premier League runners-up to Manchester United last season, can learn from European Cup winners AC Milan.

In a league notorious for big-spending, Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi's club has frequently out-bid them all.

"Milan was successful, so it had the mon-

ey to spend, so it remained successful. There's no reason why we shouldn't do the same," Harford said.

"In Italy, there was a natural progression," he added, and he shrugged off Blackburn's "nouveau riche" image.

"There is a lot of envy about the way we've come up so quickly, but we're not the only club to have had a lot of money to spend," says Harford, who works alongside one of Walker's earliest and shrewdest buys, manager Kenny Dalglish.

"Others have had the opportunity, and not spent as successfully as we have, and they begrudge us our success."

"It's not as if we've bought players for no reason. We might have spent nearly £27m, but what would those players be worth if we

put them on the transfer market?"

Harford gave an estimate of a cool £40m. Sutton himself refused to be phased by the expectations that will follow him to Blackburn's Ewood Park. "I never said how much I was worth, and I don't think it will bother me," he said.

Sutton is relishing the prospect of his partnership with England from-man Alan Shearer, who joined Blackburn from Southampton two years ago for £3.3m and has been the jewel in the team's costly crown.

Sutton said: "Alan's record speaks for itself and I would do very well to achieve half of what he has. It was a wrench for me to leave Norwich, but the chance to play with Alan, and the rest of the lads here, makes it less of one."



IN THE DOLDRUMS — Brian Lara comes back down to earth after smashing start.

Lara suffers from mid-season slump

LONDON (AP) — West Indian batsman Brian Lara, suffering through a mid-season slump after shattering records, admitted yesterday that the rigors of the English season had worn him out.

"I'm exhausted," the 25-year-old from Trinidad said. "I have never played this amount of cricket before, and it is tiring at the moment. If I can get the right amount of rest I will be all right."

Lara set the world single-innings Test record when he scored 375 against England at Antigua in April. He then signed with English county Warwickshire and reeled off century after century, culminating June 6 with a world first-class record of 501 not out against Durham.

Since then, however, Lara has been spending more and more time in the pavilion during his team's matches. Niggling injuries have kept him from fielding, and he has lost some of his touch with the bat.

Two days ago, against Surrey in a Sunday League match, Lara was out for a duck — no runs scored.

"It is difficult playing cricket six hours a day for six days a week. It makes it hard to work out your problems, because you are always out in the middle."

Injuries aside, there has been plenty to divert Lara's mind away from cricket.

Yesterday, for example, he was speaking at an event designed to promote a new £500,000-sponsorship deal he has signed with a leading investment company. Along with other deals negotiated this summer, Lara is now over the £1 million mark in sponsorship takings.

And, at a recent game, Lara showed up more than two hours late because he was taking his girlfriend to the airport.

"A lot has been happening to me off the field," he said. "I seem to have a lot of appointments these days."

Despite his star's recent bad patch, Warwickshire has won the Benson and Hedges Cup title, is second in the County Championship standings and leads the Sunday League.

Spurs look for foreign talent

LONDON (Reuters) — Tottenham Hotspur, docked six points at the start of the next Premier Division season, is seeking foreign talent and possibly a World Cup star.

Spurs' manager Ossie Ardiles confirmed he was interested in buying abroad but refused to comment on speculation he was after fellow Argentine Claudio Caniggia and Ariel Ortega or Romanian Gheorghe Hagi.

The Cordoba-born former midfielder, who became an instant hit with English fans when he joined Spurs from Buenos Aires club Huracan after helping his country win the 1978 World Cup, said he was interested in both British and foreign players.

Caniggia has become surplus to requirements at his club AS Roma after missing all of last season in the Italian league with a 13-month ban for doping.

A veteran of the 1990 World Cup in Italy, Caniggia made a bright start to the 1994 tournament in the US, scoring twice in Argentina's second match, a 2-1 victory over Nigeria. He is valued at around \$4.5 million.

Romanian midfielder Hagi, star of his team's 3-2 elimination of Argentina in the second round and one of the best players in the World Cup, was linked with Spurs during the tournament.

Ardiles has \$9m to spend on players, according to unconfirmed reports.

The club was docked six points and fined a record £1.5m last month by the Football Association over irregular payments to players in the late 1980s.

They have also been banned for a year from the FA Cup, which they have won a joint record eight times.

FIFA happy with World Cup rule changes

PASADENA (AP) — FIFA tinkered with the rules and got everything it wanted — including the criticism.

Faced with two straight World Cups of declining goal scoring, including the lowest of all time in 1990, world soccer's governing body knew it had to do something. So it changed the rules and gave new instructions to the referees.

Goal scoring went up, and criticism followed. Everybody is happy at FIFA House.

"We're over the moon," said FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren. "You couldn't have asked for a greater tournament. There were full stadiums, no problems... The day football is not criticized is the day football is dead."

With a 2.21 goals per game average in Italy in 1990, including a 1-0 final decided on a penalty kick, FIFA needed to take drastic action to get more offense into the game.

It banned backpasses, liberalized the interpretation of the offside rule, cracked down on the professional foul, and twice, allowed an extra substitution for the goalkeeper.

The changes produced the desired effect. Goal scoring at the 1994 World Cup increased by 23%, nearly half a goal a game to 2.71. But that was still well below the all-time record of 5.38 goals per game at Switzerland in 1954.

With 141 goals, it was the second highest total ever, five less than 1982.

The number of outright victories increased; draws decreased; victories on penalties went down; there were fewer 1-0 and 0-0 games, and actual playing time increased.

"If you look at the rules changes, I can say they really paid off," Herren said. "Take the backpass. Now the ball is in play much quicker."

But while goals were up significantly, yellow cards were much more frequent.



CAUGHT FROM BEHIND — Brazil's Romario is tripped by Russian Vladislav Tarnawski during first-round match.

A total of 235 yellow cards were shown in the 52 games, an average of 4.5 per game, well above the 3.2 average of Italy 1990.

Most of it was due to the enforcement of instructions banning tackling from behind. And it was that instruc-

tion to referees, and the resulting cards, that drew howls from some quarters.

One British referee not officiating the tournament, was quoted as saying FIFA had turned the referees into robots, and openly questioned how

much damage would be done in league play this upcoming season.

The referees were given their instructions regarding the new rule interpretations first in March at a seminar in Dallas, and then again a week before the tournament.

The lateness of the changes might have caused some of the problems, Herren said. It takes time for people, particularly players, to adjust.

"It's two worlds colliding," Herren said. "Everybody has to get used to the new rules. The players are still thinking 'Let's see what's the limit.'"

"Unfortunately some of them got away with it. I think it will settle down over the next couple of years."

Herren says the idea is to get the players to change their behavior, and thus improve the game.

"In the past, referees mostly tried to talk to the players to get them to obey the rules on the pitch," he said. "It hasn't worked. Tackling from behind is foul play. If it's rough play, then it's a yellow card."

The offside rule may also have to be reinterpreted. After Italy, FIFA interpreted the rule to essentially read that the defender only had to be even with the attacking player, not between him and the goal, for the play to be outside. It changed that to "when in doubt, give the offense the advantage," and also said that a player had to be involved in the play to be offside.

But the interpretations caused confusion, and criticism from Dutch players who thought it cost them a goal against Brazil in the quarter-finals.

Defenses usually adjust faster than offenses. And with only a half goal more per game this time, FIFA will have to monitor the situation to assure the defenses don't adjust too quickly.

Fatal accidents in youth baseball put focus on safety equipment

SANDY ROVNER

BASEBALL may be more than America's favorite sport, but it may be one of its most dangerous, at least for Little Leaguers and their peers.

Sports-medicine experts and pediatricians have increasingly been concerned about baseball injuries and have been lobbying for additional protective gear and safety equipment to be required for children's leagues. They point to leg injuries sustained while sliding into bases and head or chest injuries received when hit by a ball or bat.

That effort was underscored last month with the deaths of two children — a nine-year-old in Hershey, Pennsylvania, who was hit in the chest with a pitched ball, and a three-year-old in Texas who was hit in the chest while playing ball with his older brother.

Each child apparently died when the force of the ball threw his heart into wild arrhythmias, although medical specialists said they do not know precisely how or why this occurs.

Experts estimate that five million youngsters aged five to 14 years play baseball throughout the country, and many are never seriously injured. But in 1990, more than 280,000 baseball players between the ages of five and 24 were injured, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which also lists baseball as the children's sport with the most fatal accidents.

About five players each year die from injuries, said Daniel J. Levy, a Baltimore pediatrician who is a spokesman for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

At a consensus meeting in Boston early this year, convened by the National Youth Sports Foundation for the Prevention of Athletic Injuries Inc., sports-medicine specialists examined how to reduce the number of injuries in baseball.

The group recommended children wear helmets at all times while on the field and batting, and that they have safety goggles while batting. To help prevent injuries like

the death of the Hershey boy, the group said youths, especially those under the age of 12, should wear a padded safety vest while batting or pitching to help prevent injury when hit by balls. The experts also called for face protectors for children while they are at bat and on base.

They also urged the use of special balls with softer centers, which are not as dangerous when they hit a child.

Levy said the academy is highlighting baseball safety this summer to draw attention to "approximately four million sports injuries (from all sports) to children, most of which go unreported."

The Baltimore Orioles have lent a hand to the effort. The team designated July 15 as "Youth Fitness and Safety Day" and featured Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes demonstrating good warm-up techniques.

Levy, along with athletic trainer Katy Curran of the Children's National Medical Center, is also setting up seminars on safety for coaches and parents.

Levy said the American Academy of Pediatrics is promoting these principles: Be certain youngsters are in good physical condition before playing ball, are aware of proper nutrition and know the importance of warm-up and stretching exercises. Make sure parents and coaches know cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and have someone familiar with CPR at every game.

The use of the equipment advocated by the National Youth Sports Foundation has been controversial. Some parents and coaches have been reluctant to use some of the gear, arguing it interferes with how the game has been traditionally played.

Also, says Curran, "there is a feeling that the kids will resist because they're afraid to be called sissies." But Levy dismisses these arguments. "I think it's a bogus issue," he said. "The kids do fine, especially if the equipment is mandated for all of them."

The Washington Post

World Cup changes life of Beijing

BEIJING (Reuters) — The World Cup transformed the lives of Beijing residents, who were glued to their television sets in the early hours, showed up late to work, dozed off at their desks and dated less, a newspaper reported on Friday.

Only four percent of the 986 people in the capital interviewed by the Beijing Youth News said they did not care about the World Cup.

An amazing 92% of respondents either stayed up or got up especially in the early hours of the morning to watch games on television, all of which were broadcast live, mostly in the middle of the night Beijing time.

Over 20% of the respondents said they dated less during the Cup. "People had a valid reason to show up late for work," the newspaper said. About 10% said they dozed off at work and admitted work efficiency slacked.

Asked whether the nocturnal coverage had caused family rows, 15% said family relations had improved thanks to the World Cup. Three-and-a-half percent said they had worsened and the rest said there was no change.

An estimated 100 million Chinese, from top leader Deng Xiaoping down, watched the games, with the number even higher for the final. With China not taking part, the favorite teams were Brazil, Italy, Germany and Argentina.

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16.00 Max out 16.30 Sportful 17.30 American games 19.00 Golf 19.30 European Youth basketball championship highlights 21.00 WWF 22.00 American games 23.30 Encore

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Kenyan breaks world record in 10,000 meters

OSLO (AP) — William Sigei got the message in last year's 10,000 meters: avoid heavy traffic and go for the record.

The Kenyan, running solo in the last 2.4 kilometers, chopped more than six seconds off the world record set on the same track by countryman Yobes Ondieki in Friday's Bislett Games Grand Prix track and field meet.

"I knew I had a good chance to break the record," said Sigei, who was runnerup a year ago. "But it wasn't easy to run so many laps all by myself and I never expected to beat the record by such a big margin."

Sigei, 24, who's based in Britain, clocked 26 minutes, 52.23 seconds to become only the second runner to break the magic 27-minute barrier for the 10,000 meters.

Midway through the 19-lap race, Sigei's prospects of a world record looked dim. He was four seconds off the pace Ondieki had last year at the 5K mark.

After the pacemakers let him down, Sigei decided to do it all alone. It worked.

"But I never knew that I was four seconds down at the halfway point," he said. "It was so noisy, I never heard my split time."

Bislett Stadium's sellout crowd of 18,270 was brought to its feet when Sigei came through.

Sigei's record was the 60th world record — 10 of them unofficial — at Bislett Stadium since 1924, second

only to Stockholm's Olympic Stadium that was built for the 1912 Summer Games. In the last 10 years, four of the five world records in the 10,000m have been recorded at Oslo and Stockholm. The weather conditions help. Scandinavia's cool temperatures are perfect for long-distance running.

A world cross-country champion in 1993 and '94, Sigei showed great promise when he clocked a personal best of 13:06.72 in the 5,000m recently, one of the fastest times of the year.

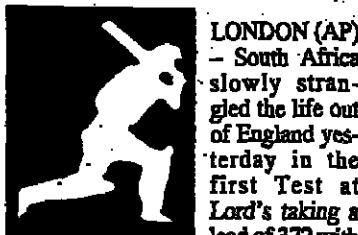
Ethiopia's 10,000m champion Haile Gebrselassie broke the 5,000m world mark with a time of 12:56.96 in early June at Hengelo, the Netherlands. Sigei says that record is out of his reach.

"Not this summer, but maybe next year," said Sigei, who's skipping the Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia, but will compete in the Commonwealth Games next month in Canada.

Dennis Mitchell turned in another sterling performance, leading from the start to win the 100m in 9.94 seconds for the second fastest time of the year and a new Bislett stadium record.

Jon Drummond, who beat World and Olympic champion Linford Christie of Britain in London a week ago, made it a 1-2 finish for the US with a time of 9.99. Burrell, who is preparing for the Goodwill Games, did not race.

South Africa tightens noose on England



LONDON (AP) — South Africa slowly strangled the life out of England yesterday in the first Test at Lord's taking a lead of 372 with six wickets in hand and two days to play.

The surprising double spin attack of Graeme Hick and Ian Salisbury tied the South African batsmen down after lunch, but it was England which was on the ropes and struggling to avoid defeat.

It managed to avoid the follow on within 10 minutes of play resuming thanks to Phil DeFreitas' swinging bat, but Alan Donald struck twice to claim five wickets for the innings and send England all out for 180, still 177 behind South Africa's first innings.

South Africa played slow, safe cricket, crawling to stumps at 195 for four in close to five and a half hours batting.

Captain Kepler Wessels will bat on until he has a lead of around 500 today to put the game beyond England's reach.

That should give his bowlers, who destroyed England in the first innings, a minimum of four sessions to record an historic win in South Africa's first Test at Lord's since 1965.

All the tourists' batsmen made starts except opener Andrew Hudson who fell plumb leg before wicket to Angus Fraser for three to have South Africa at 14 for one.



ON THE MARK — South African captain Kepler Wessels sweeps the ball for four runs. (AP)

Gary Kirsten and Hansie Cronje settled the innings to a fairly brisk and comfortable 73, until Cronje fell for a simple trap set by Darren Gough.

He hooked a bouncer off the meat of the bat, but straight into the hands of Fraser on the deep fine leg boundary.

Hick and Salisbury then tied Wessels and Kirsten down with excellent right bowling in the last hour before

tea, with Hick dismissing Kirsten just before the break.

The pair occasionally strayed in line and length and Wessels and Kirsten took advantage with some fine shots.

But the bowlers won the battle, both claiming valuable wickets.

Hick had Kirsten stretch well down the wicket, beat the left hander with spin, and Stephen Rhodes whipped off the bats with Kirsten still well

short of his crease.

After tea, they continued to restrict Wessels and Peter Kirsten.

Salisbury often beat the bat with spin, and crowded Wessels with two close in catches. The pressure went through when the captain offered a bat pad catch to John Crawley at short square leg for 28 with the total at 141.

The run rate had slowed appreciably, but the South Africans were not concerned. At that stage they already

had a lead of 310, and still had a full day to build a match winning lead.

Hick finished with one for 32 off 23 overs, including 14 maidens.

Jonny Rhodes and Peter Kirsten crawled into stumps with a 54 run partnership and finished on 40 not out and 23 not out respectively.

DeFreitas hit 20 off 12 balls to steer England past the 158 runs required to make South Africa bat again, but swung the bat once too often and found a thick edge off Donald which went to Wessels at first slip.

Gough adopted a similar attacking approach as DeFreitas, but after hitting Donald for four fours and a two in the one over, mistimed a prod at a ball which came in to his ribs and popped up a return catch to the bowler for 12.

Donald finished with five for 74 off 19 overs, the fourth time he has taken five wickets in an innings in 14 Tests. Donald, Hudson and wicket keeper David Richardson are the only players to have played in all of South Africa's Tests since returning to the international fold against West Indies in April 1992.

Teams: England — Mike Atherton (captain), Alec Stewart, Graham Gooch, Graeme Hick, John Crawley, Craig White, Stephen Rhodes, Phil DeFreitas, Darren Gough, Ian Salisbury, Angus Fraser.
South Africa — Gary Kirsten, Andrew Hudson, Kepler Wessels (captain), Hansie Cronje, Peter Kirsten, Jonny Rhodes, David Richardson, Brian McMillan, Craig Matthews, Faheem Vettori, Allan Donald.
Umpires: Harold Bird (England), Steve Randall (Australia).

Foreman trying for boxing title yet again

LAS VEGAS (AP) — This scenario is nowhere to be found in the book "How to Become a Heavyweight Champion."

Then again, nothing George Foreman has done since returning to boxing has been by the book.

Foreman gets another, even more inexplicable, shot at the heavyweight title November 5 when he meets Michael Moorer for the WBA and IBF versions of the split crown.

His credentials for getting the title fight? Certainly not a loss to Tommy Morrison in his last bout, followed by a year of sometimes questionable fight analysis for HBO.

The 45-year-old Foreman will be the opponent for Moorer's first defense for one reason: He can still sell tickets.

"I'm not going to hear that stuff. I'm not going to take it," Foreman said Friday as he and Moorer got together at the MGM Grand resort to hype the fight. "The public hasn't seen anyone who can take a punch like I can. That's why they'll buy this fight."

Seven years after he began his first comeback, Foreman makes another comeback against Moorer, who won the heavyweight titles in April with a 12-round decision over Evander Holyfield.

While it's the same old Big George, this time he comes prepared with a new trick. The caddy fighter who eats his way to the title has been replaced by raging George Foreman, a fighter on a mission.

"I'm not playing games anymore. The rage is back on again," Foreman said. "Everybody said I was too nice to my opponents, that I would back



HELD BACK — Michael Moorer stops his trainer, Teddy Atlas, from attacking George Foreman. (AP)

off when they got hurt. Not now."

Foreman, who looked very much the part of an aging fighter when Morrison confused him by boxing his way to a 12-round win last June, will be getting his second title shot since returning to the ring in 1987.

Foreman has fought only four times since losing his bid for the heavyweight championship in a 12-round decision in April 1991 to Holyfield.

Foreman is a 3-1 underdog in the MGM Grand sports book for the fight against Moorer, who had to restrain his trainer, Teddy Atlas, from going after Foreman during an appearance

Thursday in Los Angeles.

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Johnson too hot for Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Randy Johnson gave up five hits and struck out 11 in 6 1/2 innings and Jay Buhner had three RBIs Friday night as the Seattle Mariners beat the Boston Red Sox 6-3 in the opener of a series moved to Fenway Park because of falling ceiling panels in the Kingdom.

Johnson (11-5) rode a four-run third inning against Boston starter Aaron Sele (7-6) as the Mariners won for the second straight time after a five-game losing streak.

Johnson, 9-2 in his last 13 starts, struck out 10 or more batters for the ninth time this season and 57th time in his career. He leads the major leagues with 170 strikeouts.

Bobby Ayala pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

Yankees 12, Angels 3
Wade Boggs and Bernie Williams led a 17-hit attack with four hits each, and Mike

Stanley hit a pair of two-run homers as the Yankees continued a strong road trip.

Scott Kamieniecki (7-5) pitched seven innings and allowed two runs and four hits including Bo Jackson's two-run homer — his 12th of the season and third in three nights. The right-hander struck out three and walked three.

The Yankees roughed up left-hander Andrew Lorraine (0-1) in his first major-league start and second appearance, scoring in four of the first five innings to build a 7-2 lead.

New York improved to 8-1 on its trip out West following the All-Star break, and has won 14 of 16 road games overall.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Mets 6, Giants 3
Darryl Strawberry made a home run-robbing catch and hit an RBI single, but the Mets spoiled his Giants' debut at Shea Stadium.

Jeff Kent hit a grand slam in the first inning, and the Mets never trailed. Barry Bonds hit his 30th home run and a double for the Giants, now 10-2 since Strawberry joined them.

As he always did during his eight years in New York, Strawberry brought the fans to their feet. Many in the crowd of 26,397 gave him a standing ovation, though even more stood up to loudly boo him.

The Mets' career leader in home runs, RBIs and strikeouts went 1-for-2 with two walks. Never known for his defense, Strawberry made the play of the game in the third inning, reaching far above the right-field fence to steal a two-run homer from David Segui.

Expos 8, Dodgers 2
Ken Hill gave up four hits in eight innings to become the National League's first 14-game winner.

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 6
St. Louis 5, Atlanta 0 (1)
St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2 (2)
Montreal 8, Los Angeles 2
New York 4, San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 4, Houston 1
Florida 4, Colorado 0
Philadelphia 4, San Diego 3 (1)
San Diego 7, Philadelphia 4 (2)

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Seattle 6, Boston 3
Cleveland 9, Chicago 8
Toronto 3, Texas 2
Detroit 5, Kansas City 2
Houston 13, Pittsburgh 6
New York 12, California 3
Baltimore 5, Oakland 4

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:
St. Louis 6, Atlanta 3 (1)
Atlanta 6, St. Louis 1 (2)
Houston 4, Pittsburgh 6
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Oakland 4, Baltimore 3
Chicago 6, Cleveland 5
Toronto 9, Texas 3
Milwaukee 7, Minnesota 3
New York 11, California 7

Israel downs Germany in junior hoops tournament

JOEL GORDIN

THE Israeli under-18 team beat Germany 65-58 in the European Basketball Championships for Junior Men at Yad Eliyahu on Friday. Today, the national squad faces Ukraine to determine places 9-12 in the tournament.

The winner of that match will face today's victor of the Turkey-Germany contest in tomorrow's battle for ninth place. The losers will fight for 11th place.

The local team came back bravely from a 10-point deficit to trail 29-24 at halftime. During the second half, they outplayed their taller opponents both on offense and under the boards. The local heroes were Alon Stein (25 points) and captain Viki Revach (16 points and 16 rebounds). The pair was also outstanding in Israel's only other win during the week, a closely fought contest against the Italians, whom they beat 56-52.

In the other games, the hosts, suffering from a shortage of tall players and a weak bench, lost to Slovenia, Lithuania and Greece, thus finishing fifth in the six-team Group B ahead of only winless Germany.

Lithuania and Italy who headed the group, will face Group A winners Spain and unbeaten Croatia, respectively, in today's semifinals.

The struggle for fifth through eighth place features France and Slovenia, and Greece vs. Russia.

The final is scheduled for tomorrow.

The top five teams will qualify for the world championships in Athens next summer.

Today's games are: Turkey vs. Germany (10:00), Israel vs. Ukraine (12:00), France vs. Slovenia (14:00), Greece vs. Russia (16:00), Croatia vs. Italy (18:00), and Lithuania vs. Spain (20:00).

The two semifinal games will be shown live on cable television in a broadcast starting at 17:50. There is no admission charge to Yad Eliyahu.

Indurain poised to win 4th straight Tour

LAC SAINT-POINT, France (AP) — Miguel Indurain looked ready yesterday to add his name to the greats of cycling and win a fourth straight Tour de France. Only disaster could stop him.

"The important thing today was to stay up front and avoid falls," Indurain said after emerging from yesterday's leg with a virtually unbreakable five-minute, 39-second overall lead.

Avoiding accidents will be the important thing today, too, on the final stage of the prestigious three-week race.

If he holds on, the Spaniard will join all-time greats Jacques Anquetil de France and Eddy Merckx of Belgium as the only riders to win the Tour de France four years in a row.

Anquetil, Merckx and France's Bernard Hinault have won five, but never in consecutive years. Indurain should have his chance at making that bit of history next year.

As Indurain set on his lead yesterday and took it easy in the pack, Djamolidine Abdoujaparov of Uzbekistan won the 208-kilometer flat stage, just ahead of another sprinter, Jan Svorada of Slovakia. Third went to Silvio Martinello of Italy.

Abdoujaparov won the first stage nearly three weeks ago and has worn the green jersey — signifying most points with placings in the top 25, plus bonus sprints — most of the race.

Indurain didn't bother with the stage sprint. It would require the cycling equivalent of a hurricane or earthquake for him to lose in today's final run up the Champs-Elysees.

SPORTS BRIEFS

US, Spain in Federation Cup final

Mary Joe Fernandez and Lindsay Davenport won their singles matches to lead the US to a 3-0 victory over France, yesterday, and put the Americans into the final at the Federation Cup for the 21st time. The second-seeded US will face top-seed Spain, which had to go to doubles before pulling out a 2-1 victory over Germany in the other semifinal.

Wilkins joins Celtics

Free agent forward Dominique Wilkins, the ninth-leading scorer in NBA history, agreed to a three-year contract with the Boston Celtics on Friday.

"It feels great," Wilkins said from Chicago, where he is practicing with Dream Team II, which will represent the US at the World Championships in Toronto next month. "Just the tradition alone gets you ready to play. I always loved playing in the Boston Garden and now I'll be playing there all the time."

Local golf round-up

Michael Kaufman, Hanoeh Reichenberg, Rina Levi and Jules Cuharnik combined for 213 strokes, 6 better than par, to win the Four-ball Medal Alliance golf tournament at Caesarea on the weekend.

In second place, also with 213, but an inferior back 9, were Dov Shur, Sigey Gieger, Eli Segov and Michael Bardugo. One stroke behind at 214 were Max Shapiro, Ceril Kaufman, Leslie Ben-Amir and Richard Fogelson.

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Final standings

	W	L	Pct.	GB
1. X-Den Schneider	15	5	.750	—
2. X-Crazy Richards	13	7	.650	2
3. X-Harold Berry	14	6	.700	1
4. X-Patrick La Pizze	14	6	.700	1
5. X-Angie Pizze	14	6	.700	1
6. X-Arch Seminars	13	7	.650	2
7. X-Shari Tal Tigres	13	7	.650	2
8. X-Zionism	11	9	.550	4
9. X-Lachish Tours	11	9	.550	4
10. X-MacDonald Shosh	9	11	.450	6
11. X-Kalla Pizze	7	13	.350	8
12. X-Genev Guest Center	6	13	.325	8.5
13. X-Shoshan	6	13	.325	8.5
14. X-Josh Pizze	4	16	.200	11
15. X-The Machine	4	16	.200	11
16. X-Gloria Vortice	1	17	.050	13

*denotes tied game

Quarter-finals
Wednesday's results:
Shari Tal Tigres 9, Crazy Richards 3
Thursday's results:
Harold Berry 11, Arch Seminars 6
Patrick La Pizze 12, Angie Pizze 9
Friday's results:
Den Schneider 23, Zionism 10

Semifinals
Today:
Patrick La Pizze vs. Den Schneider, 18:00.
Shari Tal Tigres vs. Harold Berry, 20:00.
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Harold Berry vs. Shari Tal Tigres, 18:00.
Den Schneider vs. Patrick La Pizze, 20:00.

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Los Angeles	17	27	partly cloudy
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

IT'S sisters week at Habimah. On the Rovina stage there is a production of Wendy Wasserstein's *The Sisters Rosenzweig*, and author Wasserstein will see the local production during the few days she's spending here as the theater's guest. In Habimah there is Chekhov's classic *The Three Sisters*, and onstage in Meskin is Brian Friel's award winning *Dancing at Lughnasa*. Tonight and all week at 8:30. (Hebrew)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concludes its season with two concerts under the baton of Antonio Pappano, who has created magic with the orchestra in the last two weeks. Tonight Pappano leads the IPO in Bach's fourth suite and Mozart's early popular 40th symphony. Exceptional soprano Elena Brilova and Maureen O'Flynn will sing arias by Mozart. And tomorrow Pappano repeats his fiery rendition of Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances* from *West Side Story*, while O'Flynn, tenor Cesar Hernandez and baritone Frederick Burchinal sing arias and duets by Verdi and Donizetti. Most recommended. Both concerts at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv at 8:30.

Joan Dornemann leads two masterclasses (tonight and tomorrow at 7) as part of the New Israeli Opera and Israel Vocal Arts Institute summer workshop. (Israel Music Conservatory, Tel Aviv.)

Tonight's program at the Kol Yisrael Galilee Chamber Music Days in Kfar Blum (9) features Zvi Avni's *Shadows*. Brahms duets for voice and piano. Kodaly's *Serenade* for two violins and viola, and Mozart's *String Quintet* K.515.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Video Dance program direct from the Pompidou Center in Paris continues today (6) at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem with a varied screening featuring works by Merce Cunningham, Joseph Nadj, John O'Malley, Dominique Bagouet and many others.

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

EVENINGS on the Family Channel (3) have a new look. *Cheers* is off (don't worry, fans, it is coming back in the fall), and in its place they're giving us some locally made films. At 9:50 there's live entertainment news, giving what's on and where to go information. And at 10 the Israeli series *Sapphire* is being aired weekdays.

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Emergency funding for Clalit okayed

JOSE ROSENFELD
and JUDY SIEGEL

THE government and the Histadrut agreed on a NIS 600 million emergency funding package to keep Kupat Holim Clalit running for the next two months, the Treasury reported on Friday.

Under the agreement, which was reached between Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Ramon, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh and health fund officials, the government will pay NIS520m., while the remaining NIS80m. will come from deferring the payment of clothing and leisure allowances to Clalit workers.

Ramon said he would put a lien on Histadrut property, if necessary, to cover the labor federation's commitment to its health fund.

The government's NIS520m. grant consists of NIS220m. in new funding, a forgiven loan of NIS180 that Clalit received for using government hospitals, and the NIS120m. loan repayment the

government will receive from the Histadrut for its NIS400m. loan to Clalit last month.

The agreement must be approved by Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair and the Knesset finance committee. Last month, Ben-Yair objected to government grants to Kupat Holim claiming that they would be considered special interest funding.

The parties further agreed to come up with a long-term recovery program for Kupat Holim by the beginning of October, when the emergency funding ends.

The Treasury and the Histadrut have narrowed their disagreement on the size of Clalit's deficit this year and will likely agree on NIS850m. The Histadrut originally estimated it at NIS 1.3 billion.

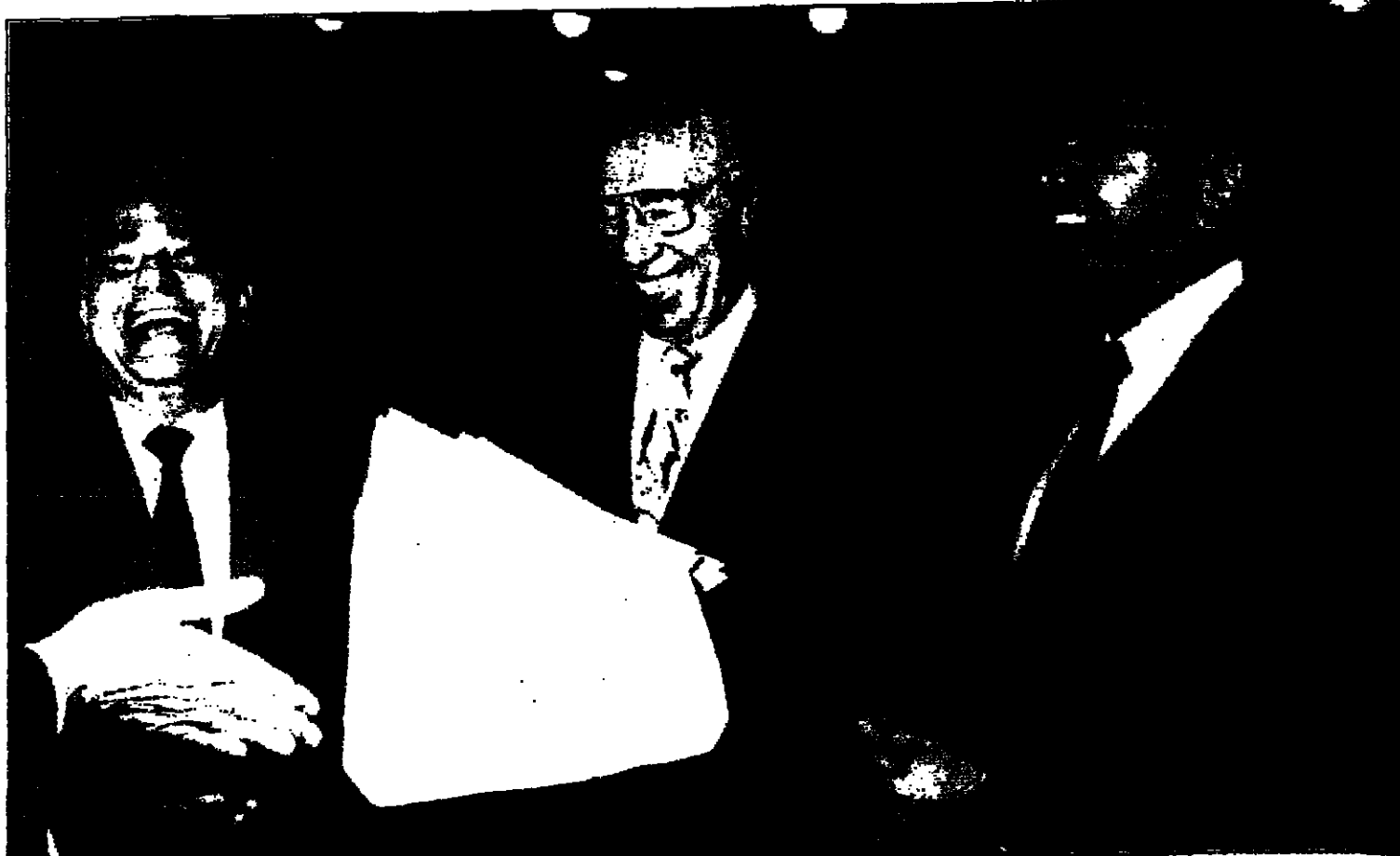
The sides also agreed that when they settle on an overall recovery program, Clalit's expenditures for

this year will be cut by NIS 104m. However, if they fail to reach agreement on the program, the government will be entitled to recover the aid extended to Clalit from the money the fund gets through the National Insurance Institute.

The parties also agreed to look into the government's proposal to turn Kupat Holim's hospitals into independent non-profit corporations.

Clalit spokesman David Tager said last night the health fund was pleased by the agreement, which took three intensive meetings to reach, but recognized a long-term program was needed.

Meanwhile, agreement was reached between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Justice Minister David Liba'i not to present the Organization Tax bill to the Knesset this week, according to the Justice Ministry. Rabin had asked to postpone the move until his return from abroad.



Egyptian Ambassador Mohammad Bassiouny (left) and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres join US Ambassador Edward Djerejian in his farewell party yesterday. (Yehuda Haber/Scout)

PM to give Hussein dome photo album

Jerusalem Post Staff

IN honor of their first public meeting tomorrow, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will present King Hussein of Jordan with an album of photographs showing the restoration of the Dome of the Rock.

Hussein personally financed the \$6.5 million restoration of the shrine.

US President Bill Clinton is due to host the two leaders tomorrow at the White House.

"It's a brown leather album with a symbol of the State of Israel and inside is an inscription from Rabin to Hussein," said Jerusalem photographer Varda Pollak-Sam. "There are 24 large photographs of the restora-

tion of the Dome of the Rock."

Pollak-Sam took slides of the dome during its renovation from November to April.

"It was a very exciting project," she said. "They actually set up a gold factory outside the shrine and covered the dome with 80 kilos of 24-carat gold tiles."

Inside the album is a dedication from Rabin to Hussein in Hebrew, Arabic and English.

"To His Majesty King Hussein I of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In appreciation from the seekers and pursuers of peace."

reads. "Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister, State of Israel." Under the inscription is the date, 25 July 1994.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres this week invited Hussein to visit Jerusalem and pray at Al-Aksa mosque.

But PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said in Gaza that Israel had no jurisdiction over eastern Jerusalem and Palestinians had the right to invite the monarch.

The Dome of the Rock and the adjacent silver-domed al-Aksa mosque are run by the Jordanian-controlled Wakf and the Palestinian Higher Islamic Council.

Turkey indicts Hizbullah militants

ANKARA (Reuters) - A Turkish prosecutor charged 13 radicals from a Hizbullah faction on Friday with murder and trying to set up an Islamic state in south-east Turkey by force, the semi-official Anatolian news agency reported.

The prosecutor of a state security court in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir was demanding the death penalty for eight of the accused and 15 years jail for five other defendants, it said.

quoting from the indictment. The trial, for which no date has been set, is the second major case involving charges against Hizbullah activists in the Kurdish south-east since June.

More than 12,300 people have been killed in political violence in the region since the Marxist Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) began fighting the Turkish government for an independent state a decade ago.

Hizbullah, which opposes the

PKK, has split over the past two years into the Menzil faction, which campaigns for creation of a Moslem Kurdish state through persuasion, and the Ilam faction, which advocates the use of force.

Thirty-five members of the Menzil faction were charged in June with killing 25 people, mostly from the Ilam faction.

Anatolian said those charged on Friday were Ilam members accused of killing 14 people.

Labor distributes Histadrut portfolios

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Labor Party faction will head the organization and labor councils section and administration and personnel section in the Histadrut, the party's leadership decided over the weekend.

The leadership also decided that no operative position will be offered to former secretary-general Haim Haberfeld.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zivili and Haberfeld met on Friday to discuss Haberfeld's future role in the labor organization. Rabin and Zivili offered Haberfeld to be the coordinator of Histadrut activity in Beit Berl, a member of the executive bureau and the chairman of Labor's Histadrut faction. Haberfeld has not yet replied to this offer.

The three decided that the organization and labor councils section

would be chaired by Pinni Shomer, while the administration and personnel section would be given to Meir Gatt. Noga Botansky is expected to receive the section of youth, young members and students.

Labor sources said yesterday that the party finally chose the organization and labor councils section, rather than the trade unions section, because while heading the former it could fight against political dismissals and prevent the closing down of labor councils, as Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Ramon has threatened.

The sources expressed anxiety over Ramon's statements in closed meetings last week that he intends to fire 1,600 Histadrut workers, close down labor councils throughout the country and turn the Histadrut into a federation of trade unions.



Visitors to the Hutzot Hayotzer Arts & Crafts Fair in Jerusalem look at an item from a South American booth. The fair, which features nightly musical performances, ends Saturday.

Moonlight walk against planned desert center

AMIR ROZENBLIT

SOME 1,400 people participated in a moonlight walk Friday night through Nahal Hahavarim, to protest plans to build a center for desert tourism at the site, located in the middle of a nature reserve near Sde Boker in the South.

Plans for the center are being vigorously fought by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, the Nature Reserves Authority, and residents of the Ramat Hanegev Regional Council.

Nahal Hahavarim runs south-east of the Sde Boker-Ramot Ramon road, and leads into Nahal Zin and Ein Avdat.

Avi Desert Tours recently submitted a plan for the tourism center to the area planning authorities. According to SPNI spokesman Orit Nevo, the plans include the construction of various buildings, a camping site, a camel pen, and stores. Erecting the facility will require the building of additional roads, and sewage, water and electric lines, she said.

The construction will badly damage the area and its ecological balance. It will ruin the experience for the tens of thousands of hikers who visit here every year.

Nevo stressed the "green" organizations have no objection to tourism initiatives, but said they are demanding the site be moved several hundred meters, to the edge of the reserve.

Several years ago, the district planning commission rejected a similar proposal submitted by Avi Desert Tours, saying it would harm the area's environment. The company is resubmitting the plan, environmentalists say, because it now has the backing of the regional council head, Shmuel Rifman.

Rifman said the plan had been approved by the regional council, and that it was in keeping with the area's development plan.

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Weizman adviser: President isn't sexist

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman is neither a sexist nor a racist, says the President's legal adviser, aide and close friend Leon Charney.

Charney was also named last week as one of the potential purchasers of the Histadrut-owned Davar newspaper, which Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Ramon wants to close down.

Commenting on an article published earlier this month in Jerusalem's *Kol Ha'ir* weekly in which Weizman was described as "a terrible sexist" and accused of making racist remarks concerning the Polish people, Charney said the man who made the accusations - lawyer Alan Dershowitz - was simply looking for publicity.

Dershowitz was interviewed about a conference of Jewish community leaders he had taken part in at Beit Hanassi some three weeks ago. Calling the conference "a complete catastrophe," Dershowitz said that "it was conducted in a way which was an insult to the participants, because 200 distinguished Jews were invited here, and nobody really wanted to listen to us."

"President Weizman came with a pre-conceived idea and wanted to talk, not to listen. I like him as a person, but he's a terrible sexist. He understands nothing about

women. Every time a woman wanted to speak, he said, 'Oh, you're so pretty.' It was awful, and terribly insulting. It hurt me as a feminist who believes in equality."

Dershowitz, who writes a column on men's rights in *Playboy*, added: "I felt as though I was in 'heder' in 1950."

According to Dershowitz, "Weizman also used the term 'Polack' when he described people of Polish descent, and said that all Poles are antisemitic, which is definitely racist."

Charney dismissed Dershowitz's observations as misinterpretations at best. He said he attended the entire conference and did not hear Weizman say anything which could be construed as insulting to women, adding he did not know of any women who were hurt by anything the president said.

"I find the president's way of expression - if he told a woman she was beautiful - humorous and amusing, unless Dershowitz, who has a column in *Playboy* magazine, has a different interpretation of sexism than the president of Israel. Anyway, I'm sure that Dershowitz has not been in Israel enough times to understand the

mentality of the people here or their president," Charney said.

As for Weizman's comments on the Poles, Charney explained that when Dershowitz spoke about the Jewish community in Poland, Weizman said that he couldn't understand how a Jew could live in Poland. The Poles' antisemitism, Charney went on, is a known fact, noting that even the Polish ambassador to the US admitted on Charney's television talk show that antisemitism is a part of Polish culture.

Charney suggested that Dershowitz may have been upset "because Weizman made it clear at the conference that he was not the president of the Jewish world or Jews in the Diaspora, but of the Zionist State of Israel, and as such he cannot give legitimization to the Diaspora communities, although he recognizes them and respects them."

Some Jews, Charney added, "insisted on receiving legitimization from Weizman, demanding parity with Israeli Jews. I call that 'chutzpah,' to think that we deserve that, since we don't pay taxes here or serve in the army." Jewish community leaders in the US are sometimes angered by Weizman's outspokenness, but the Israelis are proud of him, Charney said.

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Arab man killed playing with IDF shell

A Yata resident was killed Friday morning when a shell he was handling exploded.

The man was wandering around an IDF firing zone south of Mt. Hebron when he found the shell and began to toss it about. IDF and the police are investigating the incident.

Suspect arrested in Jaffa murder

Avraham Ben-Hamo, suspected of involvement in the murder of a Lod man in Jaffa two weeks ago, was remanded for 12 days on Friday by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court.

Ben-Hamo, 24, of Lod, arrested on Thursday, has denied any connection to the murder. But police presented classified evidence to the judge which indicated that he may have been involved. Police also noted that Ben-Hamo had disappeared after the murder and had only resurfaced on Thursday. Several suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder.

Tollman's owner fined for negligence

Jeffrey Tollman, owner of the Tollman's housewares chain, was sentenced by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court on Friday to three months' community service and fined NIS 20,000 for negligence in the death of a three-year-old girl.

The parents of the child, actor Mati and Sarit Seri, were shopping in Tollman's store at Tel Aviv's Kikar Hamedina in 1990, when the girl fell two floors through the grating on some stairs. She died of injuries two days later.

The distance between the bars on the second floor stairway grating was greater than that permitted by the National Standards Institute.

Woman arrested for drug dealing

A 33-year-old Kiryat Haim woman suspected of running a drug operation out of her caravan was remanded for eight days on Friday by the Haifa Magistrates Court.

Police told the court an undercover agent had found 14.7 grams of heroin in the woman's home. They said neighbors had complained the caravan had become a hangout for local dealers. The woman claimed she was a drug addict and that the drugs in her home were for personal use.

Top south Lebanese drug dealer caught

The leading drug dealer in southern Lebanon, Assef Assef, was captured Thursday in a combined police and IDF effort.

Assef was caught by Galilee District police, officers from the Lebanese Border division and the Anti-Terror Squad just after being seen throwing a suspicious parcel towards the border fence which later was found to contain 4.5 kilograms of heroin.

He was found in possession of communications equipment, binoculars and other equipment for use in smuggling the drug. His remand was extended by 10 days Friday by the Acre Magistrates Court. He is refusing to cooperate with the police.

World Betar Convention opens today

The 17th World Betar Convention opens in Kiryat Arba today, with representatives from 19 countries.

The discussions will take place in the Kiryat Arba community center and will last two days.